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Nasa goes looking for bargains at close of the space race



Gagarin: the first man in space in 1961

By Nick Nuttall and Martin Fletcher

IN A MOVE that may signal the *disintegration* of the once-mighty Soviet space programme, talks begin today in Moscow on the sale to America of the Soviet Union's unused space station, Mir-2. The station, intended as the linchpin of the Soviet space industry, is being offered to the US for between $600 *million and $700 million.*

The station, already partly built, was to replace the ageing Mir-1 space station next year, but is being mothballed after cuts in the Soviet space programme.

The space race, a by-product of the Cold War, began with the launch of Sputnik in 1957, a severe blow to US prestige. Further US humiliation followed when Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space in 1961, orbiting Earth in the spacecraft Vostok. President Kennedy vowed to put an American on the moon.

Yesterday, Art Dula, head of Space Commerce Corporation, of Houston, Texas, the *commercial arm of Glavcosmos*, the leading Soviet space agency, said that he had been approached by Nasa officials interested in the sale of a range of items in the Soviet Union's space inventory, including automatic docking systems and big engines.

Mr Dula confirmed that an approach had been made over the price of the Mir station. Mr Dula is flying to Moscow today for negotiations.

Mir-2, which would require fitting with American scientific equipment, would be a cheaper substitute for the US space station Freedom, itself delayed by budget cuts.

A sale might be the key to saving the costly Soviet space *programme by proving to* critics that it can earn foreign currency and deserves continued support. Some Western experts, however, see the discussions as the first sign of asset-stripping in a floundering space industry that still carries out more launches than any other nation.

As the Soviet republics separate it will be increasingly hard to keep intact the space installations necessary for the programme.

A major area of uncertainty is the Russian Federation, where Boris Yeltsin, its president, is one of the space industry's most outspoken critics. The federation has installations including Moscow's Kaliningrad mission control centre, used during the Anglo-Soviet mission to Mir-1.

Also in Moscow are the Proton booster factory, the Photon Bureau, which produces the recoverable remote sensing and microgravity satellites.

John Pike, of the Federation of American Scientists, likened Mr Yeltsin to William Proxmire, the Democrat critic of Nasa who, it is said, had the maxim, "If it moves and is heading for space, ground it". Experts believe Mr Yeltsin's opposition is likely to have been heightened by the coup role of Oleg Baklanov, one of the eight plotters and former head of the ministry controlling the space programme.

In Kazakhstan, the Baikonur cosmodrome, from where missions to Mir-1 are launched, has been criticised by environmentalists who say its use of water to cool launch pads is depleting the Aral sea.



Lib Dems will demand five-year deal

Ashdown sets his terms for election pact

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

PADDY Ashdown and his closest advisers have been "war-gaming" all the possibilities for a hung parliament, and they are ready to vote down any minority government unwilling to enter a five-year pact with the Liberal Democrats.

While Mr Ashdown is publicly fending off talk of hung parliaments for fear of diluting his party's policy message, he has been going through possible game plans with colleagues including Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Lord Holme of Cheltenham, who is writing the party's election manifesto, and James Wallace, the chief whip.

Psephologists say that anything between a four-point Tory lead and a four-point Labour lead could result in a parliament in which no party has an overall majority. Recent opinion polls have estimated the support for both main parties within that margin. The Liberal Democrats are privately expecting to have about thirty MPs after the next election.

Liberal Democrat strategists believe that the replacement of Margaret Thatcher by the more pragmatic John Major has increased the prospects of a deal with the Tories if they should finish up as the largest party but short of a majority. Mr Ashdown respects and gets on well with the prime minister, and his aides believe that Chris Patten, the present Tory chairman, was instructed at a previous election to plan Tory tactics in a hung parliament. But the Liberal Democrat high command believes that the Tories would probably seek to get by as a minority government without considering a coalition.

The planning team regards an approach from Labour, in spite of all the denials at this stage, as more likely.

Mr Ashdown reckons that his party could only be damaged by a short-term deal, and Lord Jenkins has advised that any deal must be struck within the first days of a parliament if it is to work. Mr Ashdown is therefore prepared to instruct his troops to vote down a Queen's Speech produced by a minority Labour government offering no deal, even though his party would have problems financing a second general election campaign in a short period.

He will also insist that any deal is for the full life of a parliament. The Liberal Democrat leader is determined not to be used by Labour while Neil Kinnock enjoys a few months in Downing Street to enhance his image and improve Labour's prospects at a second poll.

Aware, like the other parties, that voters are likely to penalise the party they blame for causing a second election in a short period and distrustful of Labour gamesmanship, Mr Ashdown is publicly *emphasising* the need for stability and for any arrangement to allow a coalition government to see through the full term of a parliament. Proportional representation would have to be part of that deal, he says, because without it the prime minister from the larger party would retain the option of calling an election at a moment to suit him. It is not clear what the Liberal Democrats would do if Labour offered them everything they wanted short of PR for Westminster elections.

Last night Mr Ashdown said on *Channel Four News*: "If there is to be a partnership parliament in Britain, we shall *honour* the votes of the British people. The other two parties have said that they will reject those votes and will seek to govern on a minority basis. They would ignore stability and go for minority government, ignoring the country's interests."

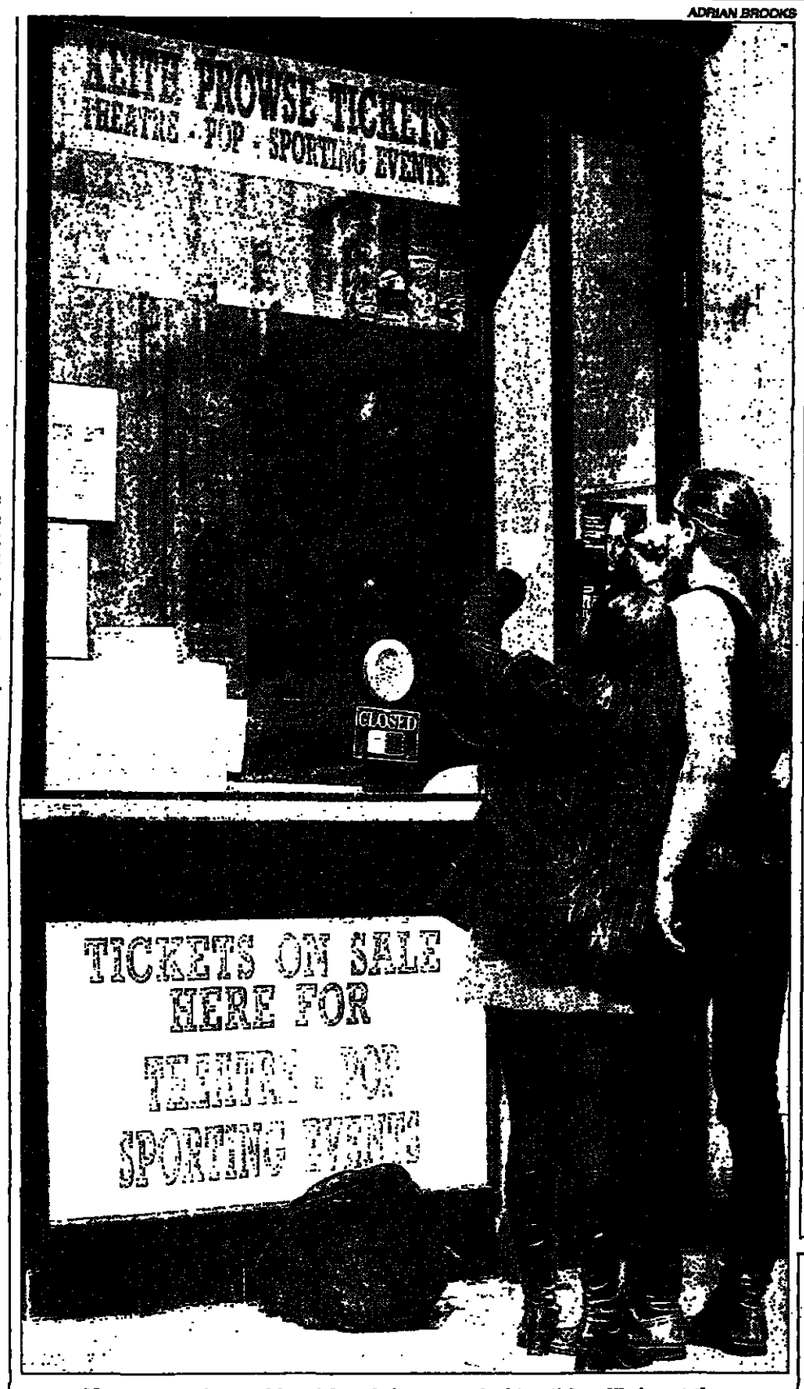
While the party strategists worked behind the scenes, their chairman, Charles Kennedy emphasised Mr Ashdown's growing personal popularity as he put the Liberal Democrats on an election footing at their conference in Bournemouth. But Mr Major sought to cool the election fever, insisting he was in no hurry to go to the country. "I don't know why everyone is getting so excited," he told Aberdeen chamber of commerce last night.

Both Mr Major and Mr Patten emphasised the work the government had to do before an election, although an attack by the Tory chairman on Labour defence policies had all the hallmarks of electioneering. "Labour is on the run right across the board," he said. "They are running away from the principles and policies they have enunciated with so much enthusiasm after the last few years. It is not clear what they are running away to."

Mr Patten promised that such pressure on Labour would *continue through* "autumn, winter and next spring", while Mr Major looked forward to the European summit in Maastricht in December.

Labour, meanwhile, reiterated its call for an immediate poll. "If the government is confident, let them have an election," the shadow Chancellor, John Smith, said. "If they do not have an election in November, it is clear they are frightened."

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ADRIAN BROOKS

No show: tourists seeking tickets being greeted with a "closed" sign at the Keith Prowse booking office in Coventry Street, central London, yesterday

£15m debt shuts Keith Prowse

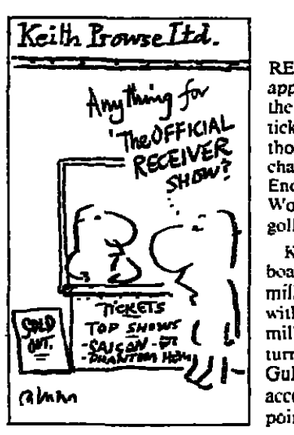
By Angela Mackay

RECEIVERS were yesterday *appointed to Keith Prowse*, the world's oldest and biggest ticket agency, endangering thousands of tickets purchased in advance to West End theatres and the Rugby World Cup and the Ryder Cup golf tournament.

Keith Prowse, which boasted a turnover of £160 million in 1989, collapsed with debts of at least £15 million after the sharp downturn in tourism caused by the Gulf war. Grant Thornton, the accountants who were appointed receivers by the company's main creditor, the *Royal Bank of Scotland, said* Keith Prowse's liabilities could run to "tens of millions of pounds". They also said the majority owners, Ranjit and Devindra Anand, and Paul Burns, were "shattered" and had no choice but to agree to receivership.

The two businesses affected are Keith Prowse and Co and Keith Prowse Hospitality. A third subsidiary, Expotel, was sold yesterday to Modern Group.

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Croatia calls up a rag-tag army without guns

*The brave young volunteers in their nondescript kit believe that fighting alone can save their homeland, **Anne McElvoy** writes from Zagreb*

Lounging outside the Zagreb exhibition centre, the gaggle of young men have donned their new caps with the Croatian insignia at a jaunty angle to ward off the midday sun.

In khaki bags at their feet are the rest of their newly acquired mix-and-match uniforms: old boots and belts plundered from the stores of the federal army, ragged flak jackets from the territorial defence contrasting with pristine camouflage shirts newly delivered from a Canadian donor. "Now we have the clothes," one said, "but we need guns as well to be real soldiers."

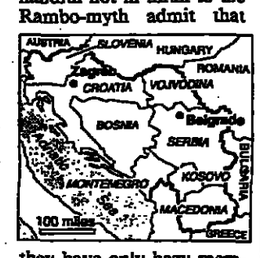
The city has called up its 5,000 volunteer reservists for registration as Croatia prepares to mobilise all of its forces for the full-scale war with Serbia it now believes to be inevitable. The men are frustrated at being sent home to await the call to arms. "Politics is finished," one volunteer said, "now only *fighting will* save Croatia."

But Miroslav Biolota, deputy chief commander of forces for the Zagreb area, just shakes his head. "We can prepare them, but we cannot send them anywhere without weapons." He talks enthusiastically of the handful of Serbs and foreign recruits, mainly Canadians of Croatian origin, who have volunteered to join up, but he cannot hide his frustration at being in charge of enthusiastic would-be defenders of the breakaway republic without the means to defend it.

The men have all done their national service in the same federal army against which they are now preparing to join battle. The handful not in thrall to the Rambo-myth admit that they have only hazy memories of how to use a gun. "It will come back when the moment comes," one said, hopefully.

Their enthusiasm for the *battle to come is un*bounded, their nonchalance chilling. Given half a chance, they would march off to face the combined *might* of Serbia and the military with no weapons at all. The reality of the likely outcome of battles between

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Suffering the fag end of a communist economy



Castro: cutting back the public's smoking ration

By David Watts

THE CIA never managed it, and Fidel Castro could never have imagined it: Cuba yesterday became an island with nary a cigar in sight.

Fidel may no longer miss his favourite brand, Cohiba, since he has given up smoking, but the rest of the population will have to search hard for its smokes after the government brought in tough new rationing. The move, announced by the state-run media, was a further heavy blow to the more than ten million Cubans who are among the world's heaviest smokers and who are already suffering from the symptoms of the withdrawal of Soviet underpinning of their island economy.

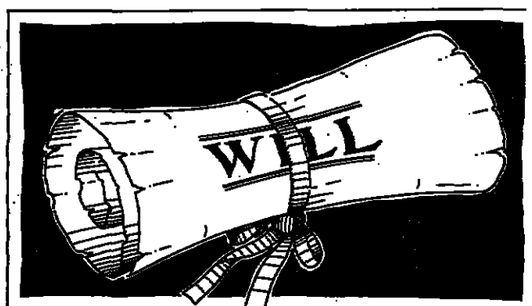
There are already widespread shortages of practically all food and consumer items because of disruptions to trade with Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Many Cuban smokers already received a fixed quota of cigars and cigarettes in their monthly food ration. But until now they could also buy additional supplies of both in state shops. A government statement blamed the shortages on a huge recent surge in demand for cigarettes – brought on, no doubt, by anguished smokers contemplating the future of one of the world's last communist regimes.

Attempting to fend off criticism, the government also blamed antiquated machinery and lack of spare parts, and threw in for good measure indiscipline and workers' absenteeism. Ensuring a fair and even distribution was preferable to using price rises to regulate consumption, and controlled sales would stop hoarding and black marketeering, the statement said.

Under the new system, adult smokers who received four packets of cigarettes in their monthly ration would be allowed to buy only two more packets a month. Those who did not already have a tobacco ration quota would be allowed to buy up to six packets a month.

In recent months, cigarettes, and to a lesser extent cigars, have been in short supply on the local market, causing large queues to form outside kiosks. But Cuba's best cigars and cigarettes are abundantly available to dollar-spending foreign visitors who shop at special tourist stores. This is a source of great resentment to ordinary Cubans, who cannot by law have dollars and so cannot shop there.

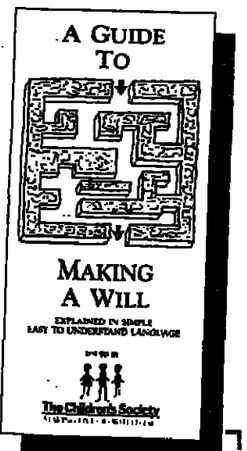
It is not clear whether the measures will affect Cuba's exports of tobacco and cigars, prized by communists and capitalists alike, but if exports start to dry up, that will be the worst news yet for the economy of the last stalinist bastion in the Americas.



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Earl Spencer denies family clash over sale of art treasures



Viscount Althorp: father denies heated argument

EARL Spencer, father of the Princess of Wales, yesterday denied that she and his other children were angry over sales from his estate at Althorp House in Northamptonshire.

The earl and his second wife, Raine, the former Countess of Dartmouth, have been selling art treasures including silverware, antique furniture, paintings, political papers and estate cottages for years, but yesterday the earl dismissed suggestions that the disposals had caused a family rift.

Talking in the souvenir shop at Althorp, he said of press reports that he and his wife had had a heated argument with his son and heir, Viscount Althorp: "This is completely untrue. I am most unhappy about all this talk. I do not know how it starts." Lord Spencer refused to discuss the sales of cottages on the Althorp estate beyond saying: "There are a lot of happy tenants buying their homes."

The estate office confirmed that several sales to tenants had been completed since about 40 tenants in four villages were served notice to quit so that their homes could be sold last June. The original asking prices were up to £62,000 but in some cases purchasers have been able to negotiate reductions of up to a third. Mick Dodds, a tenant paying £50 a week for his cottage in Little Brington, said his offer of £40,000 had been accepted.

Sales of antiques to raise money from the Althorp estate have raised controversy but no argument. Robin Young reports

The sales of estate cottages are only the latest in a series of moves to raise money from the Althorp estate. Sales of works of art from Althorp have been an almost continual cause of concern to art lovers and conservation groups since the earl married Raine, the daughter of the romantic novelist, Dame Barbara Cartland, in 1976.

Most of the sales have not been through the auction rooms, but privately arranged with dealers who have been able to make large profits on their purchases. For example, a large painting by Andrea Saachi, bought by the first Earl Spencer to be a principal feature of the great salon at Spencer House in London, was sold to dealers for £40,000, but was then sold on to the Metropolitan Museum in New York for almost seven times as much. Salvator Rosa's *The Witches' Sabbath* was sold to Wildenstein for £50,000 in 1982. Two years later it was bought by the National Gallery for £350,000.

The Spencers have sold 11 Van Dycks from Althorp. Other disposals include many of the house's pictures with religious subjects, such as Johann Rotenhammer's *Coronation of the Virgin*, which went via Colnaghi to the National Gallery, Giovanni Benedetto Catiglione's *Noah's Sacrifice*, now in the Los Angeles County Museum, Carlo Dolci's *Marriage of St Catherine*, since sold on by Colnaghi, Francesco Albani's *Holy Family and Angels*, and Il Guercino's *St Luke painting the Virgin*, which was an important absentee from the National Gallery's exhibition of the artist's works in Britain this year. Other items sold include six Albemin Stuart chairs which were given to Partridge Fine Art in Bond Street in payment for restoration of the rest of the set in 1985. The Victoria and Albert Museum bought two of the chairs unrestored for £20,000, and the museum's experts say the rest of the set were spoilt because they were completely gilded where there should have been white paint with only gilt detailing.

Lord Spencer, who looked frail and shaky on his feet yesterday, leaves today with his wife for a holiday in the Aegean.

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Prison officers walk out of enquiry into mental hospital

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE investigation into the complaints procedure at Ashworth high-security hospital was thrown into turmoil yesterday when the Prison Officers' Association walked out of the enquiry.

Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, the enquiry chairman, asked William Waldegrave, the health secretary, to give the enquiry committee statutory powers to compel witnesses to attend. The association's decision to withdraw was announced by John Hendy, QC, who said members did not believe they were receiving justice.

The first part of the investigation is looking into the death of Sean Walton, a sex offender aged 20, who died in seclusion at the special hospital in Liverpool. A post-mortem examination was inconclusive but last week patients told the enquiry that a nurse struck Walton over the head with a snooker cue three times the night before he died on March 1, 1988.

John Bartell, the association's national chairman, claimed last night that the witnesses included "those who have brutally murdered a relative, a nine-year-old boy and sexually assaulted children."

Ashworth hospital had patients who were considered not only to be mentally ill but also a danger to the public, he said. More than 70 per cent of them had committed a criminal offence. "It is a major concern that a witness should give evidence only for it to be discovered afterwards that at the time in question he was considered to be a paranoid schizophrenic." The enquiry did not "afford natural justice" and had not stuck to the rules of procedure established beforehand.

Mr Blom-Cooper, who chairs the Mental Health Act Commission, announced at the start of the afternoon session: "In the light of the statement made by Mr Hendy this morning the committee has decided to recommend to the secretary of state that it should be converted into a statutory enquiry."

The enquiry would await a decision from Mr Waldegrave before hearing further evidence, he said. The health department said last night that Mr Waldegrave now considering a letter from both Mr Blom-Cooper and the association.

Mr Bartell said later that he was astonished at the committee of enquiry's move to seek statutory powers to compel witnesses to attend. "There's a bloody-minded determination to press on regardless of natural justice." The association has now asked Mr Waldegrave to set up an independent enquiry with statutory authority to investigate the running of Britain's special hospitals.

In one part of the Ashworth complex alone, assaults on nurses were running at 1,500 a year, he said. Some would never return to work after being stabbed in the back, suffering serious neck injuries or having a cigarette stubbed out in an eye.

Ashley Irons, representing the hospital and the Special Hospital Service Authority, said his clients were saddened that a principal party to the enquiry was no longer present. "We hope they will partake in the enquiry in whatever form and it will start again as soon as possible."

Oliver Thurold, counsel for the patients, said: "We regret it very much indeed if this committee was in any sense impeded or instructed by what has occurred. We think it essential that it should continue and it is unthinkable that the withdrawal of one party should frustrate the committee of enquiry."

MIND, the mental health charity, attacked the walkout, accusing the association of wanting "power without accountability".



Homeward bound: Igor Korchagin, aged nine, from Russia, with his mother after successful treatment for a rare intestinal disorder by doctors at the Alder Hey hospital in Liverpool. They devised a diet for him including a high protein milk

Tories are accused of ignoring jobless

By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LABOUR yesterday launched an autumn offensive on the government's record on unemployment by spreading its campaign to include those directly affected by unemployment and those who pay a wider price.

Labour leaders denied that the strategy marked any reduction in what they see as political difficulties for the Conservatives from the issue. Even though the monthly increases in unemployment appear to be slowing – and it is expected to stop rising next year – Labour insisted that the government was turning its back on the unemployed.

The campaign was unveiled in advance of new unemployment figures to be published on Thursday, which are expected to add at least 60,000 to the total, bringing it to about 2.4 million, and the increase in unemployment since it started to rise last year to more than 50 per cent.

● *Tom King, the defence* secretary, yesterday accused Labour of deceiving voters over plans for cuts in nuclear and conventional forces.

Mr King said Labour was trying to avoid coming clean about its plans for a nuclear deterrent and defence cuts. Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, said Labour policy was clear but Mr King could not provide a figure for his own defence cuts.

Texaco to lift price of petrol by 4.5p

Texaco is increasing forecourt prices for leaded and unleaded petrol by 4.5p a gallon. The move, likely to prompt rises by Texaco's rivals, comes less than three weeks after a round of cuts reduced prices by up to 6.5p a gallon.

Texaco said yesterday that the rise, to come into effect tomorrow, was due to a slight increase in the cost of oil when companies had been expecting a fall. "At the moment, we are not covering our retail costs."

The rise will take Texaco four-star leaded petrol to 50.9p a litre (£2.31 a gallon). Unleaded goes up to 47.3p a litre (£2.15 a gallon). Diesel prices remain unchanged.

A rise in oil prices in recent weeks has been partly blamed by market analysts on international political uncertainty, particularly in the Soviet Union.

BP said that it had made no decision yet on price changes. Shell said that it was studying its prices.

Open verdict on PC's killer

An open verdict was recorded yesterday on a man found hanged in his cell at Wormwood Scrubs after a jury could not decide whether he had intended to kill himself. Mark Gaynor, aged 21, had been sentenced to a 25 years for the murder of a policeman.

Dr John Burton, the Hammersmith coroner, told the jury Gaynor had left a "suicide note up to a point". He died six weeks later in hospital from brain damage. Gaynor shot PC Laurence Brown in August 1990 after making a hoax call to police.

Belgium calls for extradition

Belgium has asked The Netherlands to extradite an Irishman arrested in connection with the shooting of a Belgian policeman in December 1989.

Police yesterday said the extradition request concerned Peter McNally, who was arrested in Amsterdam on Sunday and suspected of involvement in the wounding of a policeman in Antwerp. A year after the shooting an Antwerp court imposed a two-year jail sentence on McNally in his absence.

Gascoigne bail

Charges against Paul Gascoigne, the Tottenham Hotspur and England footballer, were reduced yesterday from assault occasioning actual bodily harm to common assault. Gascoigne, aged 24, of Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, was charged after a brawl in Newcastle upon Tyne on July 13. Newcastle magistrates adjourned the case yesterday and granted unconditional bail. Gascoigne was not in court.

Tour firm folds

The government came under pressure yesterday to bring forward the introduction of a nationwide bonding scheme for tour operators after a second coach travel company collapsed in less than a week. Beverley Travel Club of Humberside, which specialised in cheap holidays, collapsed yesterday stranding 100 tourists in Spain and disappointing two coach loads about to leave Hull and Berveley.

Jail decision

Hampshire police will decide tomorrow whether to prosecute a prison officer at Winchester jail over the alleged smuggling of three imitation firearms into the jail. Andrew Hunter, MP for Basingstoke, has demanded an enquiry.

Waitress safe

Police said yesterday that Jenna Campbell, a waitress, aged 18, who was reported missing in Spain, had been seen in Lloret del Mar. Her parents, of Corringham, Essex, raised the alarm when she failed to come home.



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Every day up to 50 wildlife species face extinction and many more are in danger. The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is working to stop this. WWF's call for an ivory ban helped stem poaching, but we still need £2 million this year for elephant protection projects in many African countries. WWF has helped treble the Indian tiger population since 1975. WWF's campaign to stamp out illegal trading in wildlife in Thailand is forcing the Thai Government to introduce new legislation.

WWF has supported over 5,000 projects in 130 countries since 1961. In the UK alone there are currently over 200 projects. Canford Heath, home to some of Britain's rarest wildlife, could now be saved from developers following a recent High Court case sponsored by WWF, which resulted in Government intervention.

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Keith Prowse collapse

Rivals offer condolences but blame under-funding

LONDON'S leading ticket agencies went into public mourning yesterday at the demise of the market leader, Keith Prowse and Co Ltd. Like pathologists, they gathered around the corpse to give their opinion: ambitious, enterprising, but under-funded. Any celebrations over the collapse of a competitor took place in private.

Nicholas Blackburn, sales director of Ticketmaster, said: "I took a call from the chief executive of Keith Prowse this morning telling me that the receivers had been called in. I was not surprised, just sorry and sympathetic. They expanded without sufficient capital when the rest of us were engaged in a belt-tightening exercise."

Bill Frost reports on a mood of mourning in an industry hit hard by the recession

Ticketmaster, now the market leader, shed jobs and withdrew plans to buy new premises. It also targeted customers least likely to have suffered from the recession. "We have moved into selling tickets for classical music concerts and Test cricket," Mr Blackburn said. "Unlike casual theatre and concert-goers, these people still have money to spend."

He called yesterday for tighter controls over the ticket agency business. "When we take money from customers booking a ticket, it goes into a separate account. We do not use that cash to pay the company's running costs. That way the ticket is always safe, no matter what happens to the company."

Ticket sales used to be a licence to print money. Recession and the Gulf war put an end to all that. Keith Prowse fell victim, domestically and internationally, to the downturn in the travel, tourism and hospitality industries.

Public confidence in the industry had already been dented by reports that some firms were little better than the touts. Three months ago, the Society of West End Theatre complained that agencies were charging £100 – more if the purchaser spoke with an American accent – for a seat *not* to see a hit musical: the theatre-goers would find themselves high in the gods and stuck behind a pillar.

Mr Blackburn attacked such profiteering and mourned the passing of Keith Prowse. "They set a high standard. I would much rather have them as a competitor than a now-dead rival," he said.

Like Rolls-Royce, Keith Prowse began as a partnership between two men. Robert Keith and William Prowse founded a music publishing business in Cheapside 200 years ago. As a favour to wealthy city merchants, they made bookings for boxes at Covent Garden to see the Royal Italian Opera. An army of runners took bookings and delivered tickets, and a business was born.

Golf and rugby fans to lose out

By JOHN GOODBODY AND DAVID HANDS

SPORTS enthusiasts face losing their bookings and money for the Ryder Cup and the rugby union world cup because of Keith Prowse going into receivership.

More than 1,000 golf followers have paid between £1,000 and £10,000 to Keith Prowse for packages to watch the Ryder Cup, which begins in South Carolina on September 27. Forty people had booked to fly on Concorde with the Eureopean team. A spokesman for the Association of British Travel Agents (Abta) said that they had been booked with Keith Prowse Outbound, which was not affiliated to Abta, and were not protected.

The offices of the four rugby unions in Britain and Ireland were inundated with calls yesterday from companies paying Keith Prowse for corporate hospitality packages during the world cup, to be staged next month. Dudley Wood, the Rugby Football Union secretary, said that he had warned the world cup organisers, Rugby World Cup (RWC), a month ago of doubts over the agency's financial stability and that, as a consequence, no tickets had been given to them.

David Redfern, a spokesman for the CPMA Group, commercial advisers to RWC, said that tickets would be distributed to rugby supporters in the normal way, through the home unions. "The hospitality is affected and we are trying to work on a solution to that," he said.

A package for the final, including lunch, tea, drinks and a ticket, was being sold for £375. However, Keith Prowse had insisted on companies buying ten tickets for preliminary pool matches to obtain just one ticket for the final, an estimated cost of £3,200.

According to the receivers, the All England Lawn Tennis Club, which organises Wimbledon, has not been paid in full for this year's event nor have the organisers of Royal Ascot. The effects of the recession have cut into corporate hospitality budgets and Keith Prowse's hospitality subsidiary made heavy losses for the first time this year.

Keith Prowse has been the official agent for the All-England Club since the 1924 Wimbledon championships. This year, it sold about 500 tennis packages a day to foreigners, predominantly Americans and Germans.

Most foreigners have been able to see the annual championships only by buying a package from Keith Prowse including flight, hotel room, and a ticket for either the Centre or Number One court.

Swindler is saved from jail by work as foster parent

A FINANCIAL consultant who played a leading role in a major mortgage fraud walked free from court yesterday when a judge said society owed him something for his remarkable service as a foster parent. The trial judge said Nigel Ferris, aged 54, would normally have received a four-year jail term but paid tribute to his services to deprived and abused youngsters.

"The community owed you something; you have now got it back," said Judge Kenneth Cooke at Southwark crown court. The court heard that he was in league with Elizabeth Saad, a businesswoman, who dishonestly obtained loans to buy more than 76 homes, with advances totalling more than £8 million. Ferris, of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, also helped businessman Kamal Madkour to obtain mortgages for six properties. Madkour used the money to buy in 1987 the Burlington hotel in Eastbourne, the foundation of a chain that later failed. Both Saad and Madkour fled the country in 1989 to escape arrest.

Sentencing Ferris, who admitted three counts of conspiring to obtain by deception between 1985 and 1989, Judge Cooke said he was treating it as a wholly exceptional case. Since Ferris's arrest he had helped police to unravel the plot, and despite receiving threats to himself and his family, he had given evidence against a co-defendant.

"It is quite clear you saw what others were doing and got on to the bandwagon," said the judge, adding that Ferris had fallen under the influence of Saad "who exercised a powerful influence on those around her".

The loans had been repaid through the sale of the properties and the lenders had not lost out. Ferris was left penniless after going into business with Saad.

Judge Cooke said: "What I read is a remarkable list of service to the community – as a fosterer with your wife and fostering those who were abused and deprived, who must have been very difficult to deal with. He quoted the late Lord Birkett: "A man's character is like a credit balance at the bank from which he can draw from time to time."

Saad's uncle, Morris Bekhor, who helped his niece obtain loans for three properties, was sentenced to 12 months suspended for two years. Bekhor, aged 50, of Hendon, applied for the mortages under his own name, but the properties were later leased by his niece.

Saad, aged 33, fled to Israel last year with her lover Anthony Newman, leaving her £300,000 home in Maida Vale. Her husband Erez is also on the run and believed to be in Egypt. Detectives have issued warrants for the arrest of all three, and attempts to extradite Saad are under way.

Saad took over her father's estate agent's business in Kilburn before selling out and forming her own company, Abbot Harrington, an estate agent's and commercial property letting agency. In three years, police believed she accumulated 76 properties worth more than £8 million. All were bought using residential mortgages before being let.

She never made any repayments on the loans, taken out with several building societies and other institutions. It is alleged she used her own name, her maiden name, her husband's name, and their joint names.

● Police are investigating more than 1,000 cases of mortgage fraud involving losses of £500 million to banks and building societies. In greater London alone, the Metropolitan Police, which has a mortgage fraud squad of 17 officers, has a caseload of 800 involving £355 million.



Local pride: the Staffordshire Regiment exercising its freedom of Lichfield with a march after the launch of a campaign to save its identity

Regiment returns to its roots to fight merger

By CRAIG SETON

A CAMPAIGN to save the Staffordshire Regiment from a merger was launched yesterday in Lichfield at the King's Head public house, the "birthplace" of the regiment 286 years ago.

It is due to be amalgamated with the Cheshire Regiment in 1993 under the government's options for change programme, which will reduce the size of the regular army. Former officers and old soldiers gathered to start a Save Our Staffords campaign at the King's Head, where, in 1705, Colonel Luke Lillingston raised the first elements of what was to become the Staffordshire Regiment. Those present included George Lillingston, a former Royal Navy officer and a direct descendant of the founder, the Earl of Shrewsbury, and local Labour and Tory MPs.

Brigadier John Levey, a retired CO of the Staffords, said that too many battalions were being disbanded under the guise of amalgamation. He said: "The Staffords are a Midland regiment with their own very particular type of comradeship, and the Cheshires are a Liverpool-orientated regiment. The cultural divide could not be greater. Would the football league accept a Liverpool and Wolves merger?"

After the launch, 180 soldiers of the regiment, based at Whittington barracks, near Lichfield, exercised its freedom of the city, with a march marking its return from the Gulf war, followed by a service at the cathedral.

Dead couple's son answers appeal

By CRAIG SETON

THE son of a nuclear physicist and his wife who were axed and knifed to death in their cottage was speaking to detectives in Bath last night. Christopher Gore, aged 26, a former Bath university student, came forward in response to a police appeal.

Dr John Gore, aged 58, and his wife Ruth, aged 56, were found dead on Sunday at their 100-year-old Cotswold stone cottage on the outskirts of Tetbury, Gloucestershire, less than two miles from the Highgrove home of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Firemen had answered an emergency call from the couple's daughter Catherine, aged 29, who became suspicious when she called at the cottage. A fire that had started inside was already out. Forensic scientists conducted tests to establish whether it was connected with the killings.

Det Supt Hart said at a press conference in Stroud yesterday that the couple had been found in upstairs rooms after an "horrendous" attack with a domestic knife and a long-handled axe. The weapons were found later.

A post-mortem examination showed that the Gores suffered severe axe and knife injuries to the head and that they died probably between 3pm on Saturday and 3.45pm on Sunday. Mr Hart said the killer's clothing would almost certainly be bloodstained.

Dr Gore, a physicist who worked as radiological protection manager at Berkeley power station nuclear laboratories in south Gloucestershire, was due to receive a 30-year service award today from his employers, Nuclear Electric. Dr Les Mitchell, his supervisor, said: "We had known each other for 20 years. His work involved researching the effects of low-level radiation on people and advising on safety measures."



Dr Gore: due to receive a long-service award

Soldier 'refused to fight'

By PETER VICTOR

A soldier who refused to fight in the Gulf war and went absent without leave had signed a declaration warning him that leaving his post would be treated as desertion, a court martial was told yesterday.

Gunner Vic Williams, aged 28, left his post in Dortmund, Germany, in December 1990, just before he was to fly to the Gulf. He went back to England and gave himself up to the military police after 72 days.

While on the run he addressed a 20,000-strong peace rally in Hyde Park and expressed his anti-Gulf war views on a BBC television programme. He appeared at the court martial in Woolwich, south London, charged with desertion and two counts of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline. Gunner Williams denies the charges. The hearing continues today.

Social work staff kept from children

SOCIAL workers flown in to Orkney to help in the series of dawn raids earlier this year were told to stay away from the children because it was felt that they were getting too close to them, it was disclosed yesterday.

Four Orkney social workers were so worried by the treatment of the children and the implications for their department that they wrote to their bosses expressing their fears, the child abuse enquiry, before judge Lord Clyde, was told.

Mary Finn, one of the Orkney field social workers involved in removing two children from their home, said that the evening after the children had been taken to their temporary foster homes Sue Miller, a senior Orkney social worker, phoned her to say that the workers drafted in to help were not to see the children the next day becuse they were becoming too involved with the youngsters.

Mrs Finn told the enquiry that such continuity was good social work practice and her counterparts from the mainland were unhappy about the instruction.

She said that six days before the children were taken, social workers on Orkney knew practically nothing about any of the families or any of the children. There were no case files on any of the children or the individual families, and, as far as she knew, none was opened before the raids took place.

Mrs Finn said that she and three other staff sent a memorandum to Miss Miller and Paul Lee, the social work director, voicing their concern over the treatment of the children and how the case was being handled.

It said that they felt vulnerable because no arrests or prosecutions had followed the removal of the nine children, and that there were no regular updates within the Orkney social work department about how the case was proceeding.

The enquiry continues.

Scots make green whisky

By PAUL WILKINSON

IT IS enough to turn an Irishman green. The Scots have struck what must be the ultimate blow in the ceaseless battle of pride between whiskey and whisky; they have produced a green scotch. Not environmentally sound, but actually green, and quite by accident.

The *usquiebaugh* has been created by the Springbank distillery of Campbeltown, already famous for its rare and esteemed malts, and was the result of an almost forgotten experiment.

Scotch is matured on oak casks, usually ones previously used for sherry or bourbon, sometimes plain virgin white oak, but 18 years ago an enterprising distiller filled two former rum casks with spirit. When they were rediscovered and sampled they were found to have an unexplained distinct greenish hue. "Something akin to olive oil, although a very good dram for all that," said Gordon Wright, a Springbank director.

"I must admit we had a bit of a shock when we opened up the casks. We did not know what to expect. But we had not bargained on green," John McDougall, the distillery manager, said..

Even more mysteriously, one cask produced a light coloured whisky while the other was much darker. Because only two casks were filled, the whisky, which will be sold at cask strength of roughly 90 and 100 degrees proof, will be in short supply. Most of the total production of 250 bottles will be sold through the whisky drinker's mecca, Cadenhead's whisky shop in Edinburgh, at about £50 a bottle.

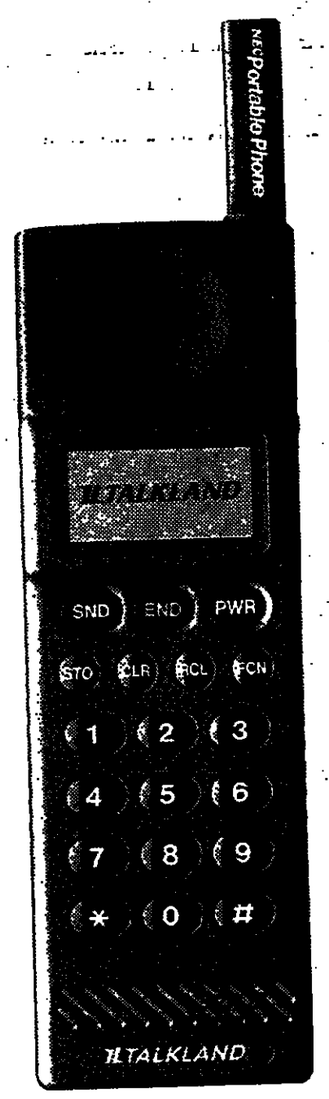
Neil Clapperton, of Cadenhead's, said: "This is one of the biggest talking points to hit the whisky scene in years. It looks like ginger wine and tastes, well, different. But there is no doubt it is the real stuff.

"There will be those who will be appalled that a distillery has departed from the traditional sherry-bourbon maturation. The colour alone will make them refuse to accept it as whisky. There will be others delighted that there is something completely original. It might create a trend."

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Enquiry told of doubts on Maguire bomb tests

By LIZ JENKINS

THE former Attorney-general, Sam Silkin, had serious reservations about the prosecution of the Maguire Seven on the limited evidence available, the resumed enquiry into the Guildford and Woolwich bombings was told yesterday.

David Clarke, QC, counsel for the enquiry, said that Mr Silkin had voiced his concern over the only evidence being scientific tests for traces of nitro-glycerine in a letter to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

At a meeting arising from the letter, he was assured by Crown counsel and the DPP's representative that the test's reliability was comparable with identifying a person through his fingerprints. However, Mr Clarke told the enquiry that Roger Maitland, the legal assistant, still had serious doubts after the meeting.

Paddy and Annie Maguire, their sons Patrick and Vincent, her brother Shaun Smyth, Guiseppe Conlon and Patrick O'Neill were convicted in March 1976 of possessing explosives and served their various jail sentences. Mr Conlon died in jail.

In July last year Sir John May, a retired Lord Justice of Appeal, concluded in the interim report of his enquiry that the convictions were unsound on several grounds. He recommended that the home secretary refer the case to the Court of Appeal, which in June this year quashed the convictions on the grounds *that the Crown could not* exclude the possibility that the defendants had been innocently contaminated.

The enquiry reopened yesterday at the New Connaught Rooms, Central London, to investigate the decision to prosecute the Maguire family and their associates, and whether the decision to proceed on the strength of scientific evidence alone was consistent with general policy at the time.

Mr Clarke said Crown counsel and the DPP representatives visited the Royal Armaments Research and Development establishment at Woolwich, southeast London, to see how the thin layer chromatography test for the presence of nitro-glycerine was carried out on samples from swabs, the week before Mr Silkin's consent was sought for the prosecution. Mr Maitland, who while working in the Law Officers' Department received a scientific training, passed on his doubts about the test to Mr Silkin.

Sir Michael Havers and Michael Hill (Crown counsel) advanced the Woolwich theories that traces of nitro-glycerine found under nails could only come from kneading the substance like dough or suggested a finger had been used to force in a detonator. The two men also suggested no traces of explosives had been found in the house because plastic sheeting had been used.

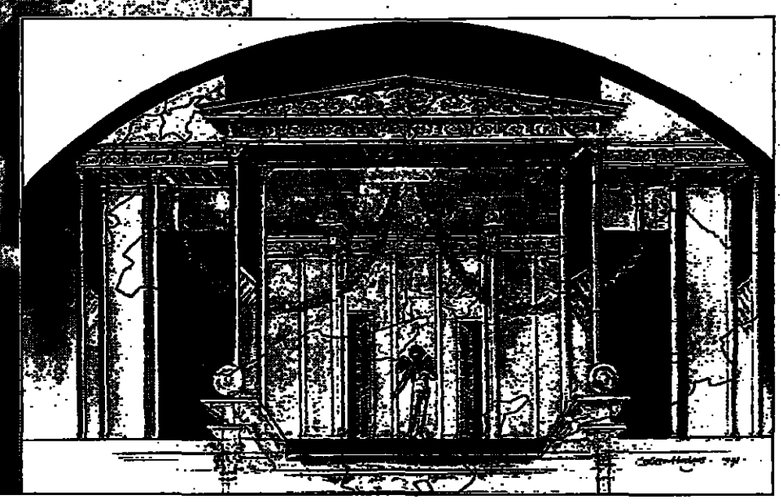
Mr Maitland noted that Michael Jardine, the deputy DPP, said there were no possibilities of innocent contamination except remote ones such as everyone using the same towel. He added that Woolwich results had never been successfully challenged in the courts.

The enquiry continues today.

Colour and life return to Roman mural after 1,600 years

ADRIAN BROOKS





Tony MacKenna working on the Roman wall painting yesterday, and an artist's impression showing how it will look after restoration

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE most important Roman painting to be found in Britain, never before seen in public, is to be restored to its original appearance while it is on exhibition. The fresco goes on display from today at the Museum of London with Tony MacKenna, an archaeologist who has specialised in conserving Roman objects, bringing it back to life under the gaze of the public over the next two months.

The wall painting was made in about AD 120 and was found in 1983 by a team from the museum's department of Greater London archaeology beneath the remains of the medieval Winchester Palace, near Southwark Cathedral. The wall had been overpainted in the third century and the building demolished a hundred years later, as the Roman empire itself began to crumble, with the plaster bearing the painting falling face down.

It lay undisturbed for 1,600 years until Mr MacKenna, a member of the team, recognised the possibility of an important find from the symmetry of the way the slabs of plaster had fallen, and reassembled the fragments.

He said yesterday: "This is the most important Roman painting to be discovered in this country, in terms of the standard of workmanship. There is a view that once reassembled a piece like this should not be touched any more, but it is so important that to leave it unrestored would be almost a crime."

Since its discovery and reassembly, the Winchester Palace Roman wall painting has been in store, and its display and restoration are costing the museum about £15,000. The painting was a key which turned the lock on Roman Southwark, according to Billie Yule, the archaeologist who led the dig. The quality of the work was such that the artists and the pigments were probably brought from Italy to do it. The dominant red pigment was made from a mercuric sulphide called cinnebar, or minim to the Romans, which cost nine times more to buy than ordinary red pigment.

Harvey Sheldon, head of the department, said: "This discovery is an illustration of the importance of having a team with long experience of working in an area. Without it, and without Tony's hunch, we might have lost the painting."

Other Roman baths have been found at Billingsgate, Huggin Hill and Cheapside, but this one appears to have been built for a kind of officers' mess for the seniors members of the governor of Britain's cohort, which was effectively his colonial civil service. In another part of the building an inscription naming some of the soldiers was found. The first signs of *the Roman south bank of the* Thames was found near by.

The painting is an architectural fantasy showing a portico with colonnades decorated with garlands and an adult Cupid standing at its centre. "There has been a belief that these paintings were rather dull in colour," Mr MacKenna said, "but the evidence is that they were vibrant polychromes. The bright colours we see now are very nearly what they would have been almost 2,000 years ago."

Heart flutter cure offered

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THOUSANDS of people suffering from rhythm disturbances in the heart can now be cured using a technique that can be carried out under local anaesthetic, a consultant cardiologist at St Bartholomew's hospital, London, says.

Last week, for the first time in Britain, the technique was used on a patient suffering from a condition known as AV nodal tachycardia. The woman, who had suffered from the condition for many years, was treated successfully, the cardiologist, Anthony Nathan, said. Almost all patients who suffered palpitations but had otherwise healthy hearts could now be cured, he said.

The treatment involves passing a fine wire through a catheter into the heart, from a vein or artery in the groin. The wire is positioned using x-rays, and electrical signals are passed down it, heating the tip and destroying the piece of tissue in the heart responsible for the rhythm disturbances. The condition affects up to 50,000 people in Britain.

● Children with inoperable brain tumours are being given an experimental form of radiotherapy that offers more success, with fewer side-effects than conventional treatment.

The therapy involves a device called a linear accelerator, which delivers concentrated beams of radiation to the tumour without affecting the rest of the brain.

Tactical snag faces women who would be priests

IF WOMEN are to succeed in becoming priests in the Church of England, it will be by outflanking carefully orchestrated and vociferous campaigns designed to defeat next year's legislation. One group's opposition to women priests will climax in London next year, with an open-air communion service at Wembley Stadium for more than 100 traditionalist bishops and 12,000 supporters.

With more than 600 Anglican women seeking ordination, the opposition is under renewed pressure, writes Ruth Gledhill

As the dissent grows, previously unpublished figures show that the number of women wanting to become priests has topped 600 for the first time. The 44 women of incumbent status earn up to £12,100 a year, as much as men, while the 605 women listed as assistant staff earn an average of £11,445, slightly higher than the £11,372 earned by their 1,338 male equivalents.

Cost of Conscience, which has 3,500 Church of England clergy on its books and is proposing "alternative episcopal oversight" for those unable to accept women priests, aims to swing the waverers in their favour when the vote reaches the general synod.

The group is supported by the Ven George Austin, Archdeacon of York, who this week called for the church to split formally along the lines of its traditional and liberal factions. He is also on the steering committee of the Association for the Apostolic Ministry (AAM), which wants the legislation defeated.

Twenty-four hours after Mr Austin drew up the battle lies in York Minister, where he was promptly attacked by his own Archbishop, Dr John Habgood, for "serious exaggerations which I suspect are intended to shock people", the AAM fired its own broadside.

Maurice Chandler, AAM chairman and a former member of the general synod's standing committee, said: "The results of the voting in the 18 dioceses to date give no mandate for the final approval of the legislation." In fact, 16 dioceses voted in favour and two against. Mr Chandler added: "There must be great concern at the fact that in those dioceses where strong support for the legislation was registered, the attendance of members of the diocesan synod was low."

Oswald Clark, a member of the AAM steering committee, said that the legislation lacked authority, was divisive and would be an "ecumenical impediment". He added: "It is inherently unfair and totally biased against those who maintain the traditional view."

At the end of this week, John Gummer, Conservative MP and a supporter of the Church in Danger group, which draws support from both parliamentary houses, will address the Prayer Book Society's annual general meeting. He said: "If you say that that which was not true in the first century is true today, you cannot be an orthodox Christian."

The issue is not one that can be viewed in terms of gender: with 6,000 members, Women Against the Ordination of Women (WAOW) is equal in size to the Movement for the Ordination of Women (MOW). Margaret Brown, of WAOW, said she fully supported the Archdeacon of York: "If you join a club, you have to abide by the rules. The church does not have any rules any more."

The growing body of women deacons take heart from the traditionalists who recently pledged their support. The Rev David Hutt, of All Saints', Margaret Street, London's flagship Anglo-Catholic church, helped to launch the Affirming Catholicism group which has the support of leading bishops.

*Mr Hutt said: "As an Anglo-*Catholic I am convinced that we can hold the Church of England together and live with our differences as we have learned to do ever since the Reformation." The Bishop of Manchester, the Rt Rev Stanley Booth-Clibborn, said he believed that the "great majority" of Anglicans thought that women should be priests.

The Rev June Osborne, a member of the general synod's board for social responsibility, said: "There have been many times when the supporters of the ordination of women have been tempted to split from the Church of England and yet have not done so but have stayed, with their frustration and hurt. They are asking the Archdeacon of York to accept the same fate."

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Cigarette advert deal condemned

The government has been criticised over an agreement with the tobacco trade, signed yesterday, under which shop-front advertising for cigarettes will be cut by 50 per cent over five years (Jill Sherman writes).

Michael O'Connor, of the Coronary Prevention Group, said that the failure to ban the advertising was "yet another shameful chapter in the government's collusion with the tobacco industry".

Car race arrests

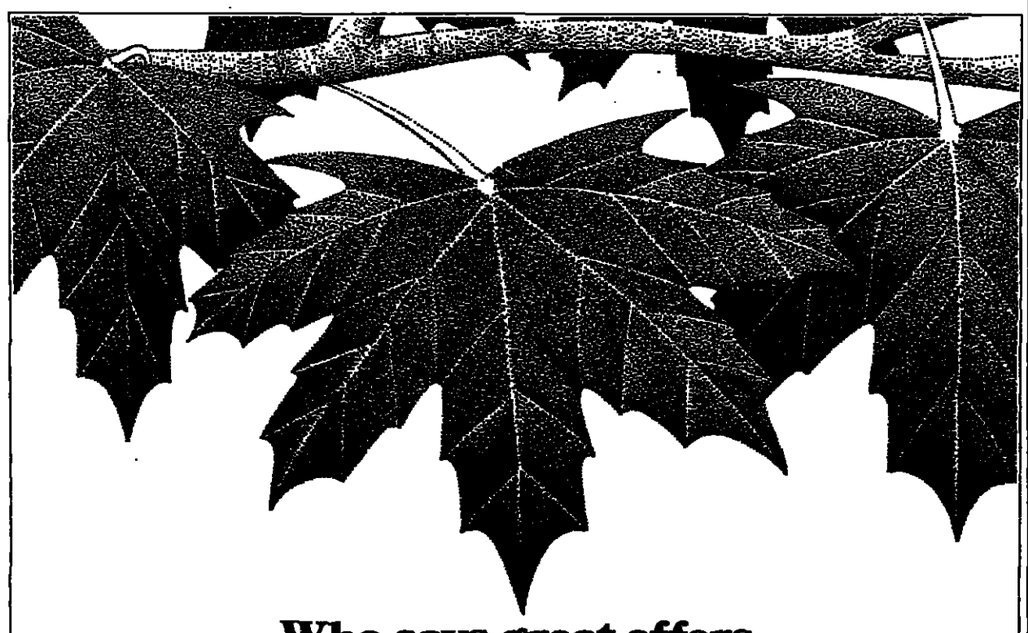
Eight men were arrested early yesterday after a stolen car was raced on a housing estate in Littlemore, near Oxford. The car was set on fire after being raced in front of a small group of people, police said. Six of the men were later freed on bail.

Coach death

A courier with Cosmos Travel, Michael Slade, aged 47, of Frinton, Essex, was killed and two holidaymakers *from* Derbyshire are in hospital after their coach collided with a jacknifed lorry 80 miles from Malaga, Spain. Eight other passengers were injured.

Briton killed

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Essex homes may get Trent water

By JOHN SHAW

WATER from the river Trent in Nottinghamshire could be supplied to householders in Essex in the future via a series of pumping schemes, the Anglian region of the National Rivers Authority announced in Peterborough yesterday.

The option is one of two that are aimed at augmenting water resources in East Anglia, the region with the fastest growing population in Britain. The other is a possible new reservoir at Great Bradley, near Newmarket, Suffolk.

The authority has invited four engineering consultants to submit proposals for the projects. The successful firm is expected to be appointed in the autumn with the study and final report completed towards the end of 1992.

The firms are being asked to examine increasing the capacity of the existing pumping scheme from the Trent to the rivers Witham and Ancholme to serve a growing demand in Lincolnshire. A second stage would assess the cost and environmental implications of transferring Trent water from the Witham southwards to the Ely Ouse-Essex scheme. This could enhance supplies available in an area from Norfolk to Essex.

The possibility of a new reservoir at Great Bradley, a village on the upper reaches of the river Stour, was first investigated in 1970, when it would have cost about £20 million. Eight options were examined then ranging from a reservoir of 15 million cubic metres to one of 104 million cubic metres.

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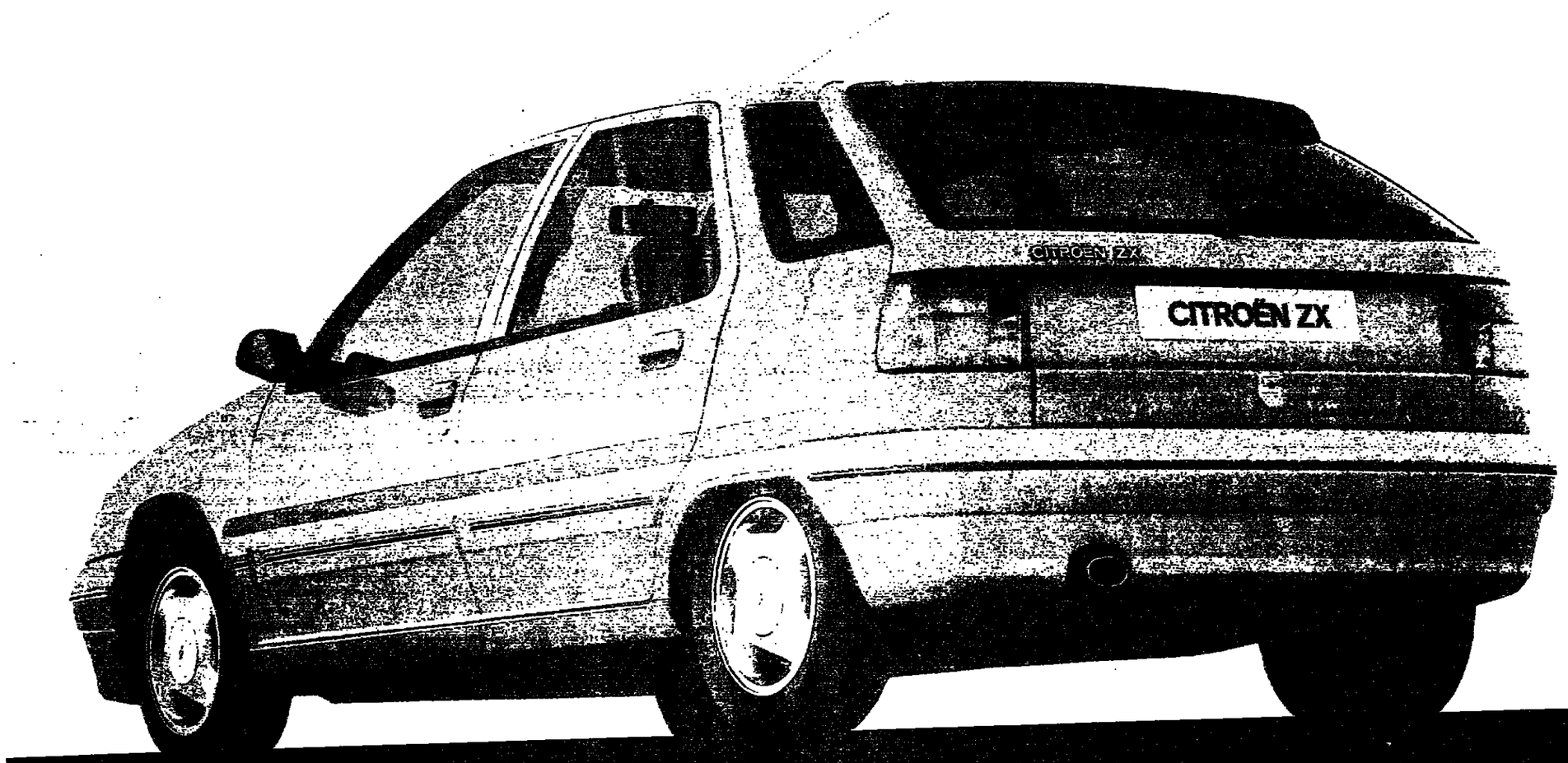
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Oil operators face closure if safety code is breached

By PAUL WILKINSON

NORTH Sea oil operators face shutdown and unlimited fines and their directors could be jailed for two years if they fail to meet stringent safety regimes being devised with the industry's new watchdogs.

The Health and Safety Commission, which was given responsibility for offshore safety last April, said yesterday that it hopes to have legislation in force by the spring of 1993.

The commission was charged by the government with implementing all of the 106 recommendations contained in last November's Cullen report on the Piper Alpha explosion and fire three years ago in which 167 people died.



Sir John: safety case for every installation

Sir John Cullen, chairman of the commission, said that its priority was the development of "safety cases" for each of the 272 installations operating in and around the North Sea.

A safety case is a document agreed jointly with the operator and the commission delineating all possible accidents that could occur on individual installations, how they should be averted or tackled. It also covers evacuation and rescue arrangements. Sir John said that discussions with the operators as well as unions were advanced. Two operators had already submitted cases and up to 10 will be dealt with in the next few months.

He said that the threat of shutdown was "a massive sanction". The safety case would follow a rig, for example, from its design stage through its construction, to use and even ultimately to how it was decommissioned or abandoned. There would also be regular reassessment to ensure that methods were updated.

The commission intends to produce a consultative document early next year and depending on the response to that, it will provide ministers with outline legislation by the summer. A bill could be passed by the autumn, bringing the regulations into effect by late spring 1993.

Once legislation is in place there will be a six-month period of grace for safety cases to be lodged. After that an absolute deadline, probably in 1995, will be set beyond which no installation will be able to operate without its safety case being accepted.

The industry has already spent £1 billion on meeting the immediate requirements of the Cullen report. Full implementation of all the recommendations will cost an estimated £8 billion.

The commission has begun a recruitment drive to provide the inspectors necessary to carry out certification of all the offshore installations. New offices have been acquired in the centre of Aberdeen, where more than 100 new staff will work on the task. So far, jobs have been offered to 39 applicants and a second batch of interviews is being undertaken.

Tony Barrell, chief executive of the offshore safety division of the commission's regulatory arm, the Health and Safety Executive, discounted suggestions that he faced probems finding staff. "Skilled professional people we require are in short supply and we are competing with the oil companies, which want people to prepare safety cases for us, but we can progress gradually. We cannot train everyone at once," he said.

TONY WHITE



Taste of Japan: Mio Nakajima, in traditional dress, offering Japanese delicacies yesterday to any Britons who might be mingling with the tourists and pigeons in Trafalgar Square, part of the build-up to the official opening of the Japan Festival 1991 on Monday next week

New diplomas will bridge vocation and academic gap

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

PUPILS wanting to qualify for the advanced diploma to be introduced in 1994 will have to show high levels of literacy and numeracy under proposals announced yesterday by Tim Eggar, the education minister.

Universities would still be able to admit students on the traditional three A-level passes but candidates who could not offer the new diploma would be asked to explain their reasons. "I very much hope the advanced diploma will come to be accepted by universities, polytechnics and employers who will look very carefully at people who have not decided to apply for it," Mr Eggar said.

Two new diplomas, at ordinary and advanced level, are designed to bridge the divide between academic and vocational courses. They will be open to mature students and will be the new route into further training, employment or higher education.

The government's proposals, sent yesterday to employers, schools, universities and polytechnics, envisage an ordinary diploma being awarded to students who have four GCSEs or equivalent at national curriculum level seven, including English and mathematics. (In 1994 GCSEs will follow the national curriculum grading of one to ten, with grade seven being roughly equivalent to the present C).

The ordinary diploma would be available to those with a general or specialist occupational National Vocational Qualification equivalent to GCSE grade seven.

For an advanced diploma, the government envisages requiring evidence of suitability for most degree courses and jobs requiring a similar level of ability, and suggests the traditional two A-levels or NVQ level three.

Mr Eggar said that the diplomas formed a part of the government's white paper on education for 16 to 19-year-olds published earlier this year. It would not, however, depend on new legislation and could be introduced without a new bill being passed. "This new system will encourage young people to continue in education after 16 to study for the academic or vocational qualifications needed to gain a diploma and enhanced employment opportunities."

● Derbyshire county council is seeking £140 million from the education department to improve its school buildings. A three-year plan includes 16 new or replacement schools and extensions to existing buildings.

Recession keeps students in class

Failure to find work placements is devaluing the worth of sandwich courses, John O'Leary reports

HUNDREDS of students on some of Britain's most popular degree courses face a wasted year because the number of work placements cannot keep pace with the expansion of higher education during the recession.

Before the summer vacation, staff were forecasting that half of their students on sandwich courses would be without the placements that are the courses' distinctive feature. Returning business confidence and extra efforts by polytechnics and universities have cut the shortfall, but up to 2,000 students may still be disappointed.

Neil Samson, who has completed two years of a business studies degree at Teesside polytechnic, has until Friday to persuade a company to take him for the year. Otherwise, he will find himself taking final examinations a year early without the first-hand experience of work that he was seeking.

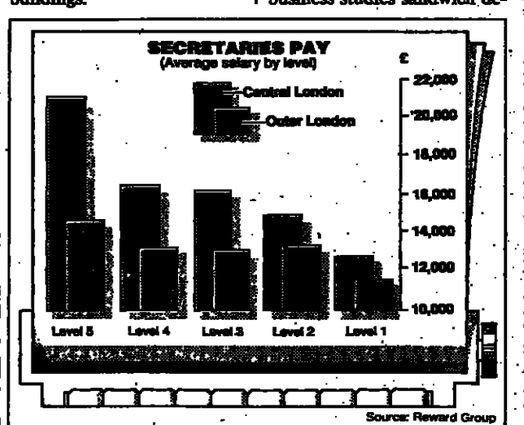
The polytechnic ran a publicity campaign and funded a hotline, manned by the students, after finding in June that only half of the 130 on the business studies sandwich degree had placements. All but 15 have found employers, and the rest will be given priority next year.

Mr Samson, however, is far from satisfied. "I think it's disgusting. The polytechnic should organise placements itself if they are an integral part of the course and not rely on students to find their own."

Vic Seddon, dean of Teesside's business school, said: "The arrangements have raised a few eyebrows from people who see this as a failure of the polytechnic to meet its obligations, but any polytechnic running sandwich courses is not obliged to find placements but to help students find them. We have done all we can, and have even taken on one of the students to co-ordinate the work for next year."

Teesside's difficulties have been mirrored all over the country, as the recession forces employers to cut back on work experience opportunities just as polytechnics and universities are experiencing rapid growth. Brunel university, northwest London, where almost all the courses follow the sandwich model, failed this year for the first time to find work for all its students. Sheffield Polytechnic, which has more sandwich students than any other institution, has doubled its requirement for work placements in three years. The polytechnic has seldom failed to place a student, but almost 170 out of this year's 2,000 were still without employers yesterday.

The Confederation of British Industry forecast yesterday that more openings would be available next year as business confidence improved. It said: "Employers are very keen on the idea of sandwich courses and are keen to support them. It is only *in extremis* that they cut back."



Source: Reward Group

Secretaries' pay beats inflation

By LUCY ROCK

SECRETARIES' salaries in London continue to keep ahead of inflation, with high-flyers earning over £20,000 a year with bonuses.

A survey shows a 13 per cent increase for London secretaries over the past year, compared with an average national rise of 9.3 per cent for clerical workers. Secretaries in central London can earn 17 per cent more than those elsewhere, with national average pay ranging from £9,148 for low-level secretaries to £12,500.

The survey, by the Reward Group, looks at five levels of London secretaries. Duties at the lowest level involve typing, filing, handing out mail, answering the telephone and making simple travel arrangements, and attract a salary of £12,405. Secretaries at level two open and read mail and earn £13,943 to £14,582, depending on word-processing experience. Level-three secretaries, on £14,783, have organisational responsibilities, arrange meetings and co-ordinate diaries.

A personal assistant to a manager receives £15,279 to £16,372 and screens telephone calls, assists in producing reports and supervises junior staff.

The highest earners, divisional assistants (£16,800 to £19,267), do unsupervised administration.

Forty-one per cent of secretaries in the survey get extra pay for overtime or meal allowances, and 42 per cent receive an average bonus of £595 a year. Some receive perks such as sports facilities or season ticket loans. Only five of 174 organisations questioned give secretaries company cars.

The Survey of Secretarial Staff in London (Reward Group, Stone, Staffordshire; £100)

Tube train passengers led over live line

Tube train passengers were led along a 440-yard stretch of live track during an emergency evacuation, London Underground said yesterday (Michael Dynes writes). The 630-volt current could have killed any passenger who touched the conductor rail.

The danger arose because staff failed to turn off the current when the Central Line service was suspended to enable police to chase an armed man. Thirty-four passengers were led from the train to Leytonstone station on July 26.

London Underground said that a member of staff had been disciplined for a "communications error". It added: "A full investigation has been conducted into the incident, and procedures reinforced to ensure that such a serious error is not repeated."

Fire blame

A maintenance error and metal fatigue were to blame for a fuel train derailment and fire that caused more than £1 million damage at Bradford-on-Tone, Somerset, in May, a British Rail enquiry found. The accident happened when the axle box of a Gulf Oil wagon, maintained by a contractor, overheated.

Big catch

Richard Simmonds, a disabled angler aged 28, of Glastonbury, Somerset, landed a 104 lb blue shark after a 45-minute struggle five miles off the coast of Lyme Regis, Dorset. He attributed his success to having strong arms through using crutches.

Peak of success

Amy Ratcliffe, aged ten, of Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, is thought to have become the the youngest person to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain. She made the climb with her 36-year-old father, Graham.

Nelson relic

Lord Nelson's prayer book, which he gave to his mistress Emma Hamilton on the eve of his departure to battle with the French fleet in 1799, is to go on display after being bought by the Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth.

Pollution fine

South West Metals Finishing, of Exeter, was fined £1,000 by Wonford magistrates for polluting Alphin Brook, a tributary of the River Exe, with cyanide. More than 500 fish were killed by the discharge.

Sea rescue

Neal Peterson, a South African yachtsman aged 38, was rescued by the Irish navy after being adrift in the Atlantic with a damaged rudder for 15 days during an attempt to sail single-handed from Capetown to Plymouth.

Flights rejected

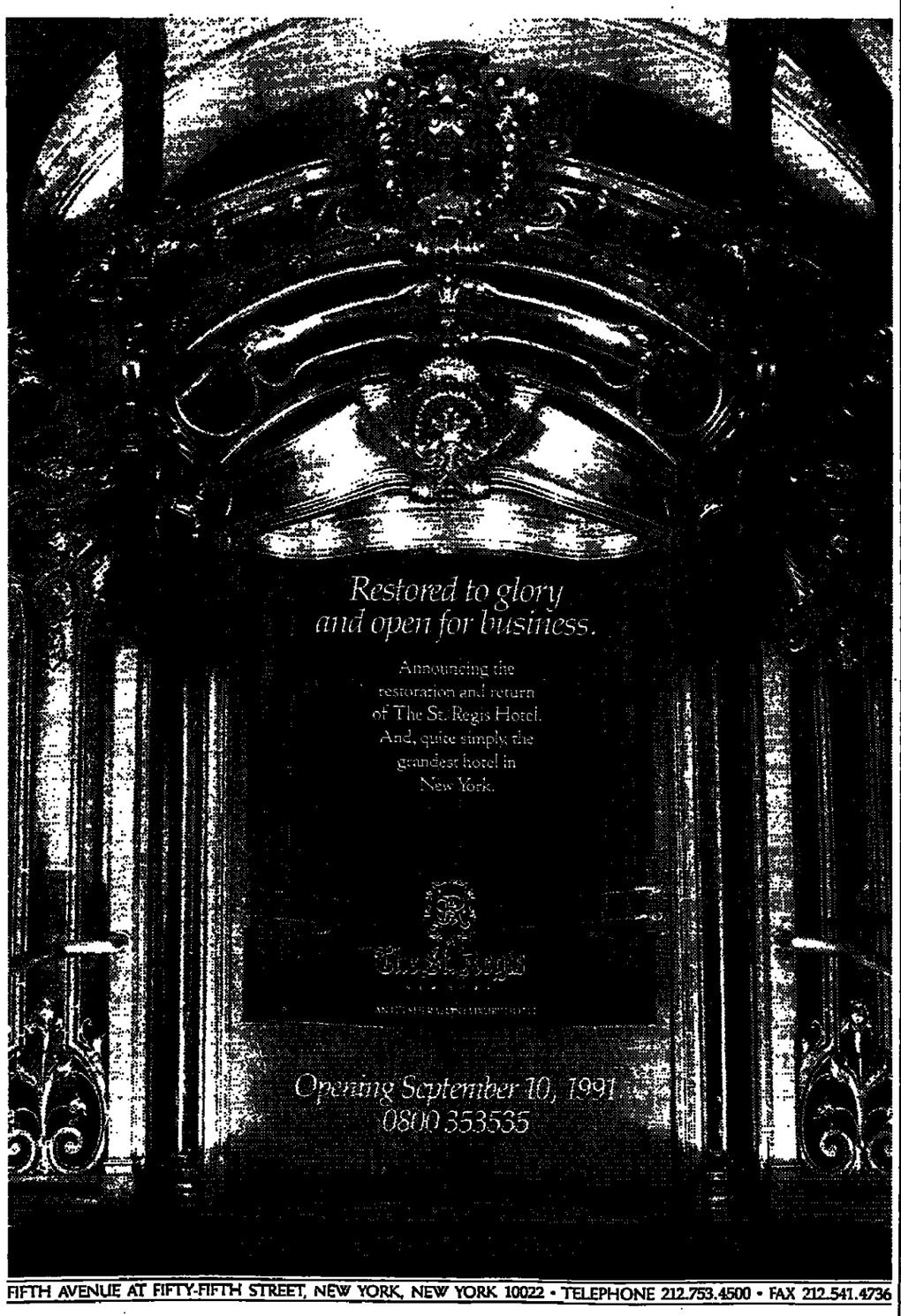
An application for commercial seaplane flights from the surface of Windermere was rejected by the Lake District Special Planning Board.

Death fall

Graeme McFarlane, a teenager of Radcliffe, Greater Manchester, fell to his death through a factory skylight while searching for a lost football.

Drug charge

Stephen Nuth, aged 35, of London, was charged in Athens with smuggling 4.4 lb of hashish through the city's airport, Greek police said.



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Landowners call truce over access to country

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

LANDOWNERS have appealed for a truce in the conflict between those who make a living from the countryside and those who want more freedom to roam and play there.

In a report published yesterday, the Country Landowners' Association (CLA) urged joint action by farmers, walkers, sportsmen, local authorities and the government to end legal confusion over the use of footpaths and rights of way and allow more flexibility in creating new paths and diverting old ones.

Ewen Cameron, a landowner from Somerset who chaired the working party that drew up the report, said: "There is a clear desire on all sides for better understanding and less confrontation – access without conflict." The CLA's proposals would create "a new climate of goodwill among all interested in the countryside as a recreational resource", he said.

The report recommends the scrapping of a clause in the 1980 Highways Act that allows a path to be deemed a public right of way after 20 years' informal use. A period of grace, ending in 2000, should be allowed for settling current claims, the CLA says.

Mr Cameron said that, as the law stood, landowners felt they had to confront anyone walking across their property off recognised paths for fear that a precedent might be established. A law that provoked confrontation was in the interest of neither landowners nor the general public and should be abolished. The CLA wants definitive maps of all footpaths and rights of way to be completed by 2000 and calls for the creation of publicly funded "countryside recreation and access groups" in every county within two years. These would bring together landowners, local authorities, countryside users and statutory agencies to address local grievances.

The CLA's 49,000 members are estimated to own half the privately owned forest and agricultural land in England and Wales. The Ramblers' Association said that landowners should prove bona fides by expelling members who persistently broke the law. The CLA accepted there was "a huge backlog of path maintenance", but said expulsion was not the right approach.

The Rights of Way Act, which became law last year, empowers local authorities to take summary action against farmers who fail to maintain designated tracks across their fields. Paths ploughed when sowing crops must be restored within 14 days and any subsequent disturbance must be repaired within 24 hours.

In a survey in 1988, the Countryside Commission found that a rambler's chance of completing a two-mile walk along a public footpath without finding it ploughed up, overgrown or deliberately obstructed was no better than one in three. Some 25,000 miles of the 135,000 miles of footpaths, bridleways and byways in England and Wales were unusable.

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'Crooked finger' beckons public

Birds will not be the only things flocking to Humberside's Spurn peninsula from tomorrow, if a three-year project to marry conservation and tourism is as successful as its organisers hope, Peter Davenport writes

EVEN by those who know and love it best, the Spurn peninsula is often described as the oddest place in England, an improbably thin finger of sand and shingle that juts out into the Humber estuary and is the internationally renowned home of a variety of birdlife and rare flowers.

For the past three years, a project involving local councils, wildlife and countryside agencies has been working to provide greater public access to the area. Tomorrow will see the £150,000 scheme come to fruition with the opening of a footpath through the sand dunes, and other public facilities.

Tim Collins, the project officer, said yesterday that the work had been achieved by all the various agencies and councils working with the private sector and landowners. "No single body could have done all this alone," he said.

Almost 12 miles of the coastline around Spurn were defined as a heritage coast by the Countryside Commission in 1988, one of 44 such areas in England and Wales. It includes the three-mile "crooked finger" peninsula, only 15 yards across at its narrowest, that stretches from the hamlet of Kilnsea to the country's only permanently manned lifeboat station, at Spurn Head. A nearby lighthouse, now a listed building, has been defunct since 1985.

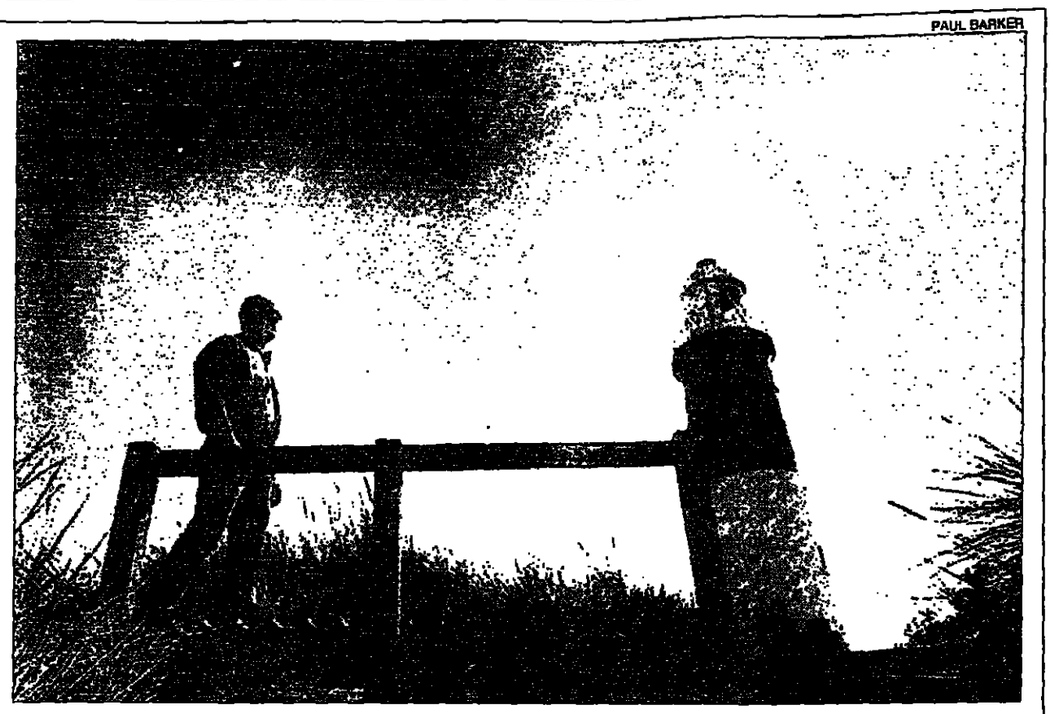
The whole area, according to Mr Collins, has a slightly rundown and neglected appearance, which is part of its attraction.

The Countryside Commission, English Nature, the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and the councils for Holderness, Humberside and Easington agreed a three-year programme with funding of £100,000. A further £50,000 has been raised in sponsorship from industry.

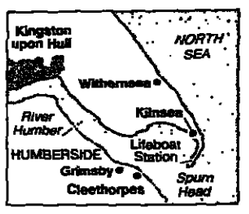
Much of Spurn's fascination lies in its bird life: among the 105,000 birds which winter on its mudflats each year are nine species whose colonies are regarded as internationally significant. Each autumn sees a spectacular flypast by up to 20,000 birds of single species in one day during the southerly migration.

Up to 150,000 people a year visit Spurn, many of them drawn by the fact that one day it may cease to exist. Experts have forecast that winter storms will eventually breach the peninsula, leaving Spurn Head as an island. A £28,000 research study is being carried out by Hull university into the implications of a permanent breach.

PAUL BARKER



Guiding light: Tim Collins walking on the new footpath through the dunes to the lighthouse at Spurn Head





Baker: given suspended jail sentence

Robber is jailed for murders

AN ARMED robber who shot an accomplice and let him bleed to death was given a life sentence for murder yesterday by a judge at the Old Bailey. The Recorder of London, Judge Lawrence Verney, sentenced John Hilton, aged 62, to two life terms and one of 30 years and told him: "Life in your case must mean life."

Hilton, of north London, was captured in December during a £420,000 jewels raid in Piccadilly. He later confessed to shooting dead Leo Grunhut, a jeweller, during a robbery 12 years ago, and his accomplice in that robbery, Alan Roberts.

Yesterday he pleaded guilty to the murders and to three charges of robbery. The court was told that after wounding his partner, Hilton drove him to a deserted garage and let him bleed to death before burying him.

Hilton had served several previous jail terms, including a life sentence for his part in an armed gang robbery at a dairy in Mitcham, South London, when a man was shot dead.

In January 1978 Hilton was freed on licence from prison and in June 1981 was jailed again at the Old Bailey for six armed robberies. He escaped from prison in Portsmouth on October 6 last year.

Banks lent cash 'like confetti'

A CHEF who went on a spending spree after inventing a £2 million inheritance to obtain thousands of pounds of credit found that banks offered him services "like confetti", Torquay magistrates were told yesterday (Ray Clancy writes). He tried to buy an expensive sports car and a £180,000 boat.

The banks acted with "astounding naivety" when Gary Baker, aged 25, claimed he had received a solicitor's letter saying he had been left a legacy. He was able to commit deception offences "simply because he had a bank account and could issue cheques," the court heard. Baker, of Torquay, was given a four-month jail sentence suspended for a year.

Global warming models doubted

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

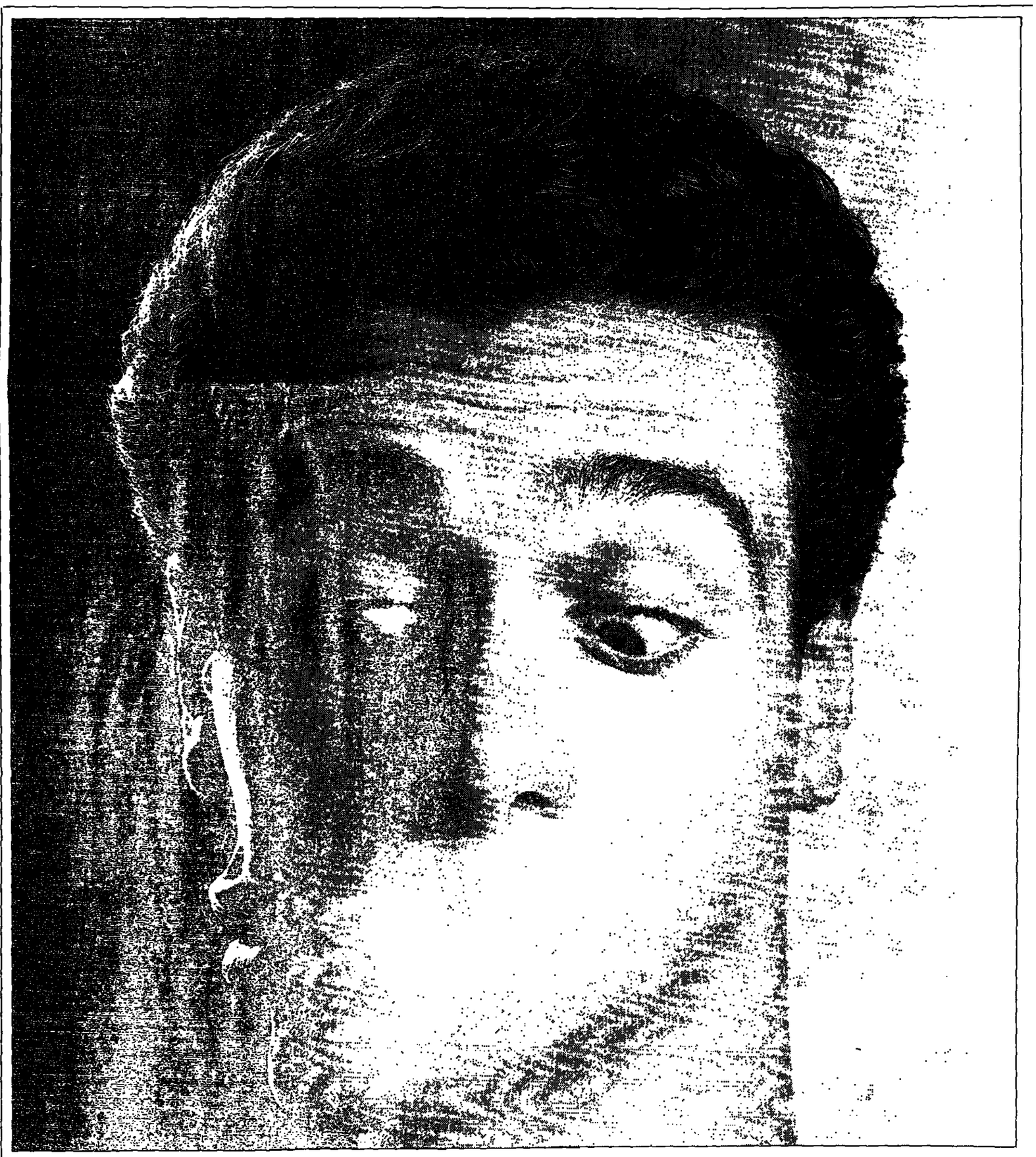
OBSERVATIONS of the temperature of the upper atmosphere by French scientists have cast doubt on the computer models used to predict global warming.

The models suggest that the lower parts of the atmosphere should be warming up as a result of the emission of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, and the upper parts – the stratosphere and mesosphere – ought to be cooling. After 12 years of observation, the French scientists can find no evidence of any cooling of the stratosphere, while the mesosphere appears to be cooling at twice the expected rate.

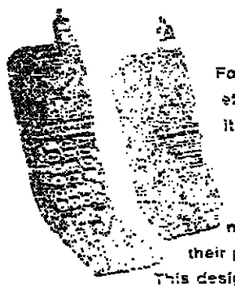
Marie-Lise Chanin and colleagues from the Centre Nationale de Research Scientifique in Paris studied the temperatures of the upper atmosphere using a laser beam pointed straight upwards from an observatory in Haute Provence. Reflections of the beam from gas molecules enabled the density and the temperature of the atmosphere to be measured up to 100 kilometres above the ground.

Dr Chanin said yesterday that the models used to predict climate change suggested there would be a cooling of the upper parts of the atmosphere by 20°C (68°F) by the middle of the next century. The greatest effect was expected in the stratosphere, where the laser method has found no changes at all. The mesosphere, between 55 and 75 kilometres above the Earth, has cooled by 5°C (41°F) since 1979, about twice as fast as the models predicted.

The upper atmosphere is likely to cool as heat from the Earth is trapped by greenhouse gases lower down. Dr Chanin says that her results do not prove the models wrong, but suggest that they are oversimplified.



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Ashdown promises to spend £2bn more on education

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

A LIBERAL Democrat government would spend almost £2 billion extra on education in its first year, Paddy Ashdown promised last night.

The Liberal Democrat leader told a rally at the party conference in Bournemouth that, while his party did not want to raise taxes, they would, if it proved necessary to find that money, put an extra penny on income tax. Although the prospect of the Liberal Democrats gaining power on their own account remains remote at present opinion poll levels, the priority the party is giving to education would be reflected in any hung parliament deal with a larger party.

Under the plan outlined last night by Mr Ashdown, an extra 0.4 per cent of gross domestic product would be spent in three key areas: pre-school education, post-16 education and training and new educational opportunities for adults.

John Major made the raising of educational standards and of the position of teachers in society a theme of his Tory leadership election campaign. Neil Kinnock had previously challenged Margaret Thatcher to put it at the top of the political agenda. Not to be outdone, Mr Ashdown too is insisting that there is no subject that his party rates more highly, with what the

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Liberal Democrats believe to be the most specific promises of any party.

Hr promised: "The Liberal Democrats will give every child in the land the right to one year's pre-school education". That, he said, would do more to raise standards than a thousand government tests for seven-year-olds.

The second plank of the party's education plan is an expension of education and training for 16 to 19-year-olds. Mr Ashdown pledged to penalise firms that refused to offer proper job training by saying: "We will oblige all 16 to 19-year-olds in work to follow courses for the equivalent of two days a week". Training, he said, could not simply be left to a market that had failed. There would be a payroll tax on firms which they would have returned provided their young employees received education or training for the specified period.

In the third element of his package, Mr Ashdown said that education had to stop being a conveyor belt with only one point of entry. He wanted to see an entitlement for everybody to be able to re-enter the education system for a period "at a time of their own choosing during their adult lives". That will not mean that everyone can take a residential university course in their forties, but, based on distance learning costs, it would provide every adult with the right to something like an Open University course.

In another element of the Liberal Democrat education package, Mr Ashdown pledged to reverse the Tory provisions allowing schools to opt out of local education authority control. The party supports the local management of schools, with head teachers and governors controlling their budgets, but argues that opting out had nothing to do with local independence and everything to do with national control.

Mr Ashdown said: "The Liberal Democrats will preserve the decentralisation of our education system. We do not want politicians in Whitehall, whatever their party, to be able to impose their political dogma from above."

In his speech, he added that it was a "national scandal" that the government had neglected to fund the education of a whole generation of young people. Britain had the lowest participation rate in post-16 full-time education and training of any industrial democracy. He criticised the rapid turnover of Tory education secretaries and said that Conservative education policy was not the solution but the problem. Britain needed not "standard assessment tasks" but well resourced primary schools, motivated teachers and pre-school education open to all.

The Tories, he said , did not believe in investment in education. Labour said they would like to spend more, but had priorities rather than commitments.

As for where the Liberal Democrats would get the money from: "This party does not want to raise taxation. But if the only way to make that essential investment in education and training is to put a penny on income tax, then we will have the courage to ask the people to do just that."

Matthew Parris, page 22

TIM BISHOP



Political study: a delegate to the conference in Bournemouth paying close attention to a debate yesterday. Conference photographs, page 22

Imported goods have 'hidden blood price'

CARPETS that seem to be sold cheaply in Britain include a hidden price — the blood of young workers — Zerbanoo Gifford, prospective candidate for Hertsmere, told the conference.

She suggested that products should be labelled where possible to indicate that they were produced without the use of slave labour, just as other products were labelled to indicate that no cruelty to animals had been involved in their production.

She wanted Britain to act through the United Nations to stop the treatment of children as slaves. When four-year-old children in Britain were starting play school, others of similar age all over the world were starting their careers in factories where their small fingers were working as substitutes for machines.

Half of those children would die of accident, disease and hunger before reaching the age of 12. Some were given heroin — an addiction as effective as the chains that others were made to wear.

The motion was passed without dissent.

Party confident it can outrun Scots Tories

By OUR POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Liberal Democrats proclaimed confidently at the conference that they would win the forthcoming Kincardine and Deeside by-election, a victory that would give them more seats in Scotland than the Conservatives.

Malcolm Bruce, leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, told applauding delegates that the party would handsomely win the seat, in which the late Alick Buchanan-Smith had a majority of 2,063 at the last general election. He said: "That will force the Tories into third place in Scotland with nine MPs behind our ten. Can they still claim democracy gives them the right to steamroller the people of Scotland?"

In an address to the conference, the party president, Charles Kennedy, after paying tribute to Mr Buchanan-Smith's integrity, said that the implications of the by-election would stretch far beyond the constituency's boundaries.

"If we succeed, then the cause of constitutional change in Scotland will be boosted,

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the case for the Liberal Democrats across Britain strengthened, and the Conservatives rocked. Victory for the Liberal Democrats in this by-election will make us the second party of Scottish politics and help lift substantially our standing."

At Ribble Valley earlier this year, the Liberal Democrats overturned a Conservative majority of 19,528 (39.4 per cent). At Eastbourne last year, they captured a Tory seat held at the last election with a majority of 16,923 (30.2 per cent). So in theory the Kincardine majority of 4.3 per cent is an easy target.

In a conference speech of considerable gusto, with some sharp party rhetoric, Mr Kennedy scored a few points at the government's expense. He called John Major the "lull after the storm", described the Tories as ruthless in the pursuit of government office and reckless when they obtained it and derided their economic record.

Accusing the government of electoral massaging of the economy with their interest rate announcements, Mr Kennedy said: "Major and Lamont are to caution and prudence what Burke and Hare were to eternal rest. They are just another two in a lengthening line of Tories who elevate their party's electoral short-term self-interest above and before those of the longer term needs of the economy."

Most of Mr Kennedy's scorn, however, was reserved for the Labour party, which he described as becoming "more and more conservative" with an ever more jaded leader. Reminding the audience how John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, greeted every interest rate cut with the call for another percentage point cut, he said that Labour was stuck in a groove. He added: "We have a government whose economic track record is entirely discredited and a Labour party which has long since given up any pretence of having a credible economic policy of its own."

In the vacuous pas-de-deux of the old parties, he said, the choice was between Thatcherism ameliorated by Mr Major and Thatcherism ameliorated by Mr Kinnock.

Mocking Neil Kinnock's attitude on devolution, Mr Kennedy depicted him as coming from an "intellectual dark age" and facing a future as a "former leader". He predicted that, however tired or provoked they became at the next election, Mr Major would never acknowledge himself as a Thatcherite nor Neil Kinnock as a socialist. They were, he said "the leadership legacies which dare not speak their name".

Women's ministry scheme attacked

By JOHN WINDER

EQUALITY

LABOUR proposals for a women's ministry were attacked by Tobe Aleksander, of Haringey, in a debate on a motion calling for measures to achieve equality for women.

She said that such a ministry would marginalise women's issues into a small corner of a grey block in Whitehall. "A ministry for women would soon become Whitehall's universal dumping ground."

The motion, which was passed, was moved by Jennifer Horne-Roberts, parliamentary candidate for Holborn and St Pancras, who said that the party would extend employment protection laws to the low paid and those with parental responsibilities.

Jennifer Sharratt, candidate for Honiton, said there should be an explicit policy to ensure that fathers took equal responsibility for their children; only sanctions for such equal partnership would give women the opportunity to go to work without feeling guilty.

Vernona Marfo, who said she was the first African-born woman to be selected as a parliamentary candidate, added that one of the most effective ways to produce equality for women would be a statutory minimum wage.

Finance deal to help members

The Liberal Democrats launched a comprehensive financial package for party members, offering services including personal loans with preferential rates, mortgages, a high interest savings account, and insurance for home, travel and motor vehicles.

Last year the party set up a Visa card for members, known as the "Paddy card" after Paddy Ashdown. The scheme, provided by the Co-op Bank, has been taken up by 8,000 members and brought in about £50,000 for the general election fighting fund.

Shooting to political fame

The delegates were welcomed by the second Labour mayor of Bournemouth, Lionel Bennett.

Janet Dove, Liberal Democrat candicate for Bournemouth West, replying to the welcome, said that there was a story in the town that the first Labour mayor had been elected during the war by Conservatives who had heard that the Germans were threatening to shoot the mayor of any British town that they occupied after their invasion.

Federal hope

Willy de Clercq, president of the Federation of European Liberal Democrat and Reform Parties, told the conference that the road to monetary union, a central bank and a single currency might be longer than they hoped, but it was inevitable. Federalism was the key to the vision of the Europe of the future.

Subscriptions

The conference agreed to keep the minimum subscription rate at £3, but to increase the recommended rate by £1 to £21.

Business today

The conference will this morning debate wider share ownership, unemployment and economic policy; later debates will be on poll tax, animal protection, HIV and disconnection of water services.

Leaders harden EC policy

THE Liberal Democrats are planning to toughen their policy on the European Community, fearing that they have given an impression of starry-eyed naivety on European questions that could cost them votes at the next election.

Party strategists are planning to insert into the election manifesto a provision that European directives should not remain binding but should expire after five years and have to be renewed. Paddy Ashdown, the party leader, is also to make more public criticism of the social charter on which he shares some Tory reservations.

Yesterday, the party conference endorsed a green paper on European citizenship. That ties the Liberal Democrats to the goal of federal union, with the "early establishment of a single European currency and an independent central bank". The green paper also supports an increase in the powers of the European parliament. But speakers in a lacklustre and disjointed debate were at pains to emphasise that federalism did not mean centralism but a wider dispersal of powers to smaller units of the Community.

EUROPE



Sir Russell: agenda on Europe has changed

The European spokesman, Sir Russell Johnston (Inverness Nairn and Lochaber), said that when European leaders met at Maastricht at the end of the year they would face a changed agenda.

"The tides of chaos are lapping at our walls and to turn back that tide and ensure that prosperity follows freedom through the East, the Community must unite," he said. Only the EC could provide the newly emerging democracies with the physical and financial security they required. They wanted a currency to which they could relate, and that meant the ecu. He added that the principle of federalism was that home rule was a good thing.

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CONFERENCE DIARY

Security takes a back bench

THE Liberal Democrats are saving more than £20,000 for their general election coffers by keeping security at the Bournemouth conference to a minimum. Another bonus from the absence of heavy policing and the surrounding of the Bournemouth conference centre with a security cordon is that local residents are much more welcoming to delegates and do not resent the interference with their daily lives that bigger party conferences have caused in the past.

Paddy Ashdown, the party leader, has declined to have heavy personal security, although there is an unobtrusive police presence and bags are being searched before delegates are allowed into the hall.

Another factor that is ensuring the delegates a warm welcome in the town is the local strength of the party that now runs Bournemouth council. My first taxi driver turned out to be a party member, although he admitted ruefully that the councillors were less than heroes to his colleagues since they imposed a huge increase in taxi licence fees.

Charles Kennedy, the party president, may have hoped that none of us would do any reasearch into his analogy between political parties and pop groups. In his presidential speech he suggested that Labour was the music of Dire Straits, the Tories of the Simple Minds but the Liberal Democrats were the New Kids on the Block. The joke went down well with delegates, but a young adviser of mine, one of my grand-daughters, assures me that the last-named group is the least good of the three and that the Princess of Wales is a fan of Dire Straits.

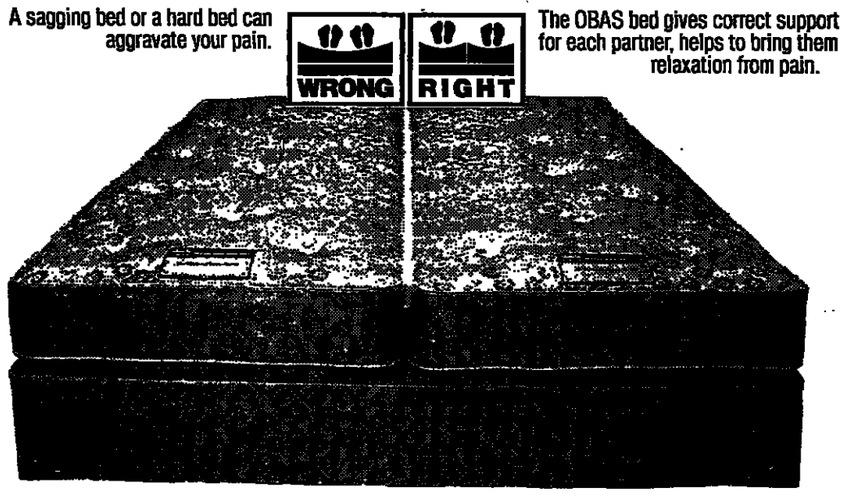
A conference resolution condemning slavery passed without dissent on the day when Paddy Ashdown is advertising in *Liberal Democrat News* for an unpaid clerical assistant has led to charges of double standards. Mr Ashdown is offering a chance to a school leaver to take a year off to work as a volunteer. The idea is to give an insight into party organisation to someone looking for a career in politics. A reference from a party member is required because some of the work is confidential. Some help towards travel and subsistence expenses is all the remuneration offered.

Janet Pickering, who presides over 200 members of the transport union clerical branch in the Commons, said that the practice was already widespread in the House. "We do not approve of people being employed for nothing, but because of their commitment to their parties people offer their services and because MPs' secretarial allowances are insufficient to service themselves, that is what happens."

Alan Leaman, Mr Ashdown's press officer, said that the party was essentially a voluntary organisation. "They do not have to take the job", he added.

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Black groups resolve to sign accord in spite of bloodshed

From RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

BLACK political groups are adamant that they will pursue a peace agreement with Pretoria in spite of the new round of blood-letting.

Both the Inkatha Freedom party and Nelson Mandela's rival African National Congress yesterday reiterated their commitment to the peace accord due to be signed on Saturday. Both groups and Archbishop Desmond Tutu said they believed the violence was being deliberately orchestrated in an attempt to derail the peace process.

The white right wing, including the Conservative party, the official opposition in the white House of Assembly, has declared its intention not to attend the ceremony. As the death toll in the most savage 24 hours of black-on-black political violence in South Africa's townships this year rose to 57 yesterday, the obvious question being asked was: who started it and why?

There was an element of sophisticated military planning about the Sunday morning attack on a column of 300 Zulus marching from their hostel in Tokoza township, southeast of Johannesburg, to an Inkatha rally in a soccer stadium. As they entered the township's main street gunmen opened fire, killing 23 of the Zulus and injuring 18, some of them critically. Whoever carried out the ambush did it with great skill.

Police and troops were rushed into Tokoza but the reaction, like a bushfire, erupted elsewhere. In Soweto, southwest of Johannesburg, at least 14 people died and 18 hurt as rival ANC and Inkatha groups clashed. More died in battles east of Johannesburg.

Yesterday the violence continued. Gunmen on board a 5.30am commuter train between Johannesburg and Katlehong, an eastern Witwatersrand town, opened fire on passengers, killing three and wounding four. Seventeen people were hurt, two seriously, when they leapt from a train travelling from Soweto into Johannesburg after rumours swept through the carriages that an Inkatha gang was on board.

Colonel Frans Malherbe, chief police spokesman for the Johannesburg area, said that extra police and troops had been deployed in the townships who were prepared to deal with the upsurge in violence. "This whole damn thing has got to come to an end," he said. "We can't go on like this."

The peace accord is a result of an initiative by business and church leaders to bring the key political forces in South Africa together after the ANC's withdrawal from formal negotiations with the government in April over its perceived failure to control political violence. At the weekend, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, constitutional development minister, sounded an optimistic note that an all-party conference, as a preliminary to real negotiations on a post-apartheid constitution, could begin next month as a result of the joint initiative.

In another development yesterday, three South African white-supremacists abandoned an eight-week prison hunger strike, saying that they had failed to persuade President de Klerk to grant them amnesty. Wim Cornelius, a lawyer representing the men, who were trying to win inclusion in an amnesty extended to more than 1,100 members of the ANC, said they would now accept bail of 5,000 rand (£1,065) each.

Mr de Klerk said last week that the men were not political prisoners and they would have to stand trial for murder and attempted murder. The three are Henry Martin, a British computer engineer who fasted for 63 days, and Adrian Maritz and Lood van Schalkwyk, South Africans who refused food for slightly shorter periods.

Israel draws line on Palestinian peace delegates

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE war of nerves between Israel and the United States over Middle East policy intensified yesterday when Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, announced that Israel would boycott any peace conference if the Palestinian delegates did not meet its conditions.

The gauntlet, thrown down in advance of the latest shuttle mission by James Baker, the US Secretary of State, was seen as a thinly disguised snub in response to Washington's determination to delay crucial loan guarantees worth $10 billion (£5.9 billion). Palestinian representation has emerged as a chief obstacle to a conference, still proposed for next month, but Israel had previously refrained from spelling out what action it would take if the Palestinian delegates did not meet its requirements.

Asked whether Israel would change its positive response to the American initiative if the issue was not resolved, Mr Shamir told Israel radio: "The yes [we gave] will not be a yes. We said this is one of the conditions. We must agree to the composition of the Palestinian delegation." Israel's demands include the banning of any Palestinian delegate resident in east Jerusalem and a denial of any role in the talks to members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Mr Shamir's overt boycott threat was the latest Israeli attempt to force the Palestinian issue to the surface following anger in Jerusalem at President Bush's attempt — lauded in the Arab world — to persuade Congress to impose a 120-day delay on Israel's request for a guarantee on loans to be raised to house Soviet immigrants. Reacting to Mr Bush's move, Yossi Ahimeir, Mr Shamir's chief of staff, shifted the focus back to the issue of Palestinian representation due to be decided by the Palestine National Council in Algeria this month. He said: "So far we did not get answers to this problem, and Baker knows this well."

In private, US officials are banking on neither party wanting to be forced to bear international responsibility for sabotaging the conference plan, seen by many governments as a last chance to prevent further widescale violence in the region. This point was driven home yesterday by Amr Moussa, Egypt's foreign minister, who warned Israel not to delay the negotiations, stating: "Those who stand in the way of establishing peace will be really condemned by history."

Mr Moussa, one of those trying to produce a compromise formula on the issue of Palestinian delegates, was speaking after meeting Hans van den Broek, the Dutch foreign minister, in The Hague, one of the cities being considered as a venue for the conference. The Netherlands currently holds the presidency of the European Community.

Arab euphoria at Mr Bush's move on the loan guarantees has combined with Israeli declarations on the need for continued Jewish settlement in the occupied Arab lands to raise the diplomatic temperature to a level where compromise will be hard to obtain.



Seasoned style: two models showing off autumn fashions yesterday for the Select Avant-garde exhibition which opens on Thursday in Hamburg. Judith, left, wears a flimsy fringed dress and Nina a tent-coat. Fashion, pages 14 and 15

Menem wins poll fillip for reforms

From REUTER IN BUENOS AIRES

PRESIDENT Menem of Argentina will press ahead with free market reforms after his Peronist party swept the board in the country's mid-term elections at the weekend.

"These results are really gratifying," Señor Menem said at Government House. "This was not a plebiscite but a vote of confidence for the government's economic, political and social policies. We will step them up to establish stability for good."

The ruling party led in eight of the 13 districts that went to the polls on Sunday. Eduardo Duhalde, Señor Menem's vice-president, easily won the important contest for governor of Buenos Aires, Argentina's richest and most populous province. Opposition Radical candidates won in the important federal district and the province of Córdoba.

As results trickled in late on Sunday, however, Peronists appeared to be staging narrow, upset victories in the provinces of Santa Fe and Tucumán, where Señor Menem backed unconventional candidates: Carlos Reutemann, the retired Formula One driver, and Ramón "Palito" Ortega, a former pop singer. The Peronists had already won in two of the three provinces that voted on August 11, while the Radicals carried the third district at stake. The eight other provinces vote on October 27.

Cost of African relief goes up

Nairobi — The United Nations yesterday raised from $376 million to $400 million (£237 million) its estimate of the cost of caring for 22 million war and drought victims in the Horn of Africa for the rest of this year.

"Without a quick and generous response from the international community, even greater suffering and loss of life will inevitably follow," said James Jonah of the UN. A statement said money was needed for food, medical services, water and shelter for 8 million people in Ethiopia, 7.7 million in Sudan, 4.5 million in Somalia, 95,000 in Djibouti, and 48,000 in Kenya.

UN staff killed

Nairobi — The United Nations is withdrawing from Mogadishu, the Somali capital, after three of its local staff were shot dead and two were critically wounded by unidentified gunmen. Unconfirmed reports say hundreds of people are fleeing the renewed violence in the city. *(Reuter)*

Tokyo on top

Paris — Tokyo is now the biggest city in the world with 24 million inhabitants, a French official report on world demography said. The second biggest urban area is that around New York, with 23.9 million. London is 23rd with 7.7 million. The figures were based on uninterrupted urban construction. *(AFP)*

Stakes high as Bush judge begins his Senate ordeal

President Bush has posed a dilemma for liberal Democrats with his nomination of a black conservative to the Supreme Court, **Martin Fletcher** writes from Washington

WASHINGTON'S version of the Spanish Inquisition starts today. With live coverage on four channels, the Democrat-controlled senate judiciary committee finally confronts Clarence Thomas, President Bush's black conservative Supreme Court nominee.

The stakes are high. Judge Thomas's confirmation would cement the right's slender majority on America's ultimate court of appeal at a time when key civil rights and abortion cases are looming. Aged only 43, he would also sway the court's rulings on issues for decades to come.

It is also a nomination that has tied in tangles a nation obsessed by race. Raised in poverty, Mr Thomas nevertheless opposes the sort of affirmative action programmes which got him to Yale law school — but was nominated by Mr Bush not for judicial brilliance but the colour of his skin. Liberal Democrats find themselves in the awkward position of opposing only the second black ever nominated to the Supreme Court.

Most black Americans support Mr Thomas from racial loyalty but almost all civil rights organisations oppose him on ideological grounds. Reams of newsprint and untold hours of air time have debated these conundrums as the process has assumed the trappings of a political campaign.

The committee's Democrats are striving to find a justification for rejecting Mr Thomas. They have obtained more than 32,000 documents from his past in a search for proof that he is way outside the mainstream (as defined by past liberal Supreme Courts). At the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission alone, where Mr Thomas was chairman in the 1980s, 12



Thomas: opposed by civil rights groups

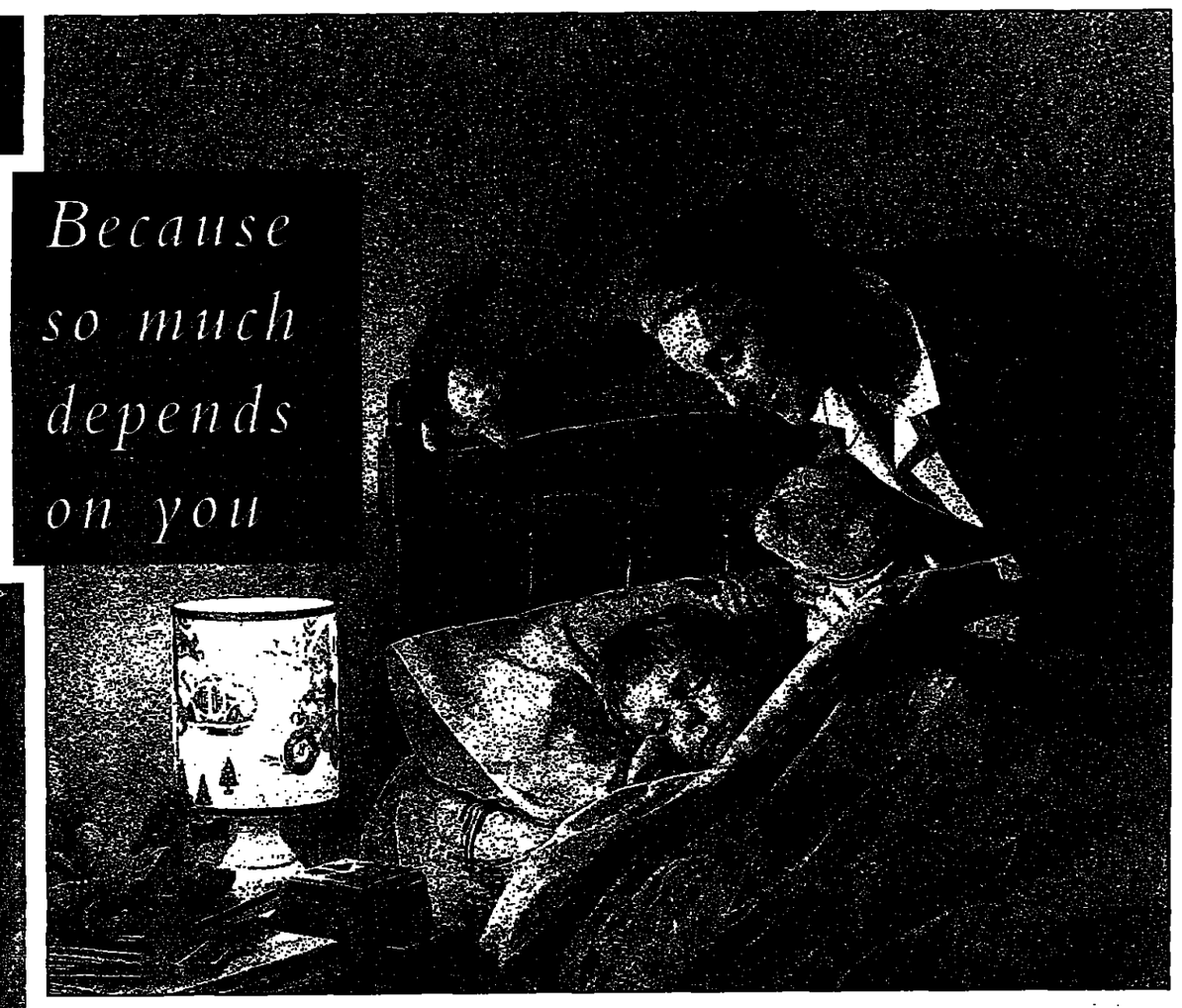
lawyers are reported to have spent a month fulfilling the committee's insatiable demands.

He will be interrogated about his contention that all civil rights leaders do is "bitch, moan and whine" and his denunciation of his own sister for welfare addiction. He will be engaged in arcane philosophical debate on whether, as abortion rights activists contend, his espousal of a "natural law" separate from the constitution involves an inalienable right-to-life for foetuses.

Mr Thomas has spent the summer reviewing all his past judgements and statements, undergoing mock inquisitions by teams of administration officials and studying films of previous confirmation hearings. His model will not be Robert Bork's combative but foolhardy 1987 attempt to defend his outspoken views but last year's highly successful performance by David Souter, a conservative who stymied the committee with blandness and obfuscation.

Learning from the Bork debacle, the White House has held almost daily strategy sessions to prevent the opposition building momentum. Officials from President Bush down have sought to distract public attention from Judge Thomas's actual views by harking incessantly on the story of his rise from poverty in rural, segregated Georgia through hard work.

The betting is that after a week of theatre a reluctant committee, and then the full Senate, will have to confirm Mr Thomas, unless he blunders badly.



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DIPLOMACY

Moscow redrafts its rights brief to keep pace with changes

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

FOREIGN ministers arriving in Moscow for today's conference on human rights will also seize the opportunity to size up the new order, rather as Western leaders used to do after a death in the Kremlin.

At the same time Soviet diplomacy, on hold since last month's coup, is being smartly revived, with a rush of announcements filling what was becoming an embarrassing foreign policy vacuum. The announcements included the information that the Soviet foreign minister's brief for the conference had been entirely rewritten in the past week to match the new political circumstances in the Soviet Union; that two of President Gorbachev's close associates were setting off in opposite directions on "special missions" at his request; and that the foreign community in the Soviet Union could stand by for the lifting of restrictions on their movements around the country.

At the same time the foreign ministry announced that its collegium had been dissolved to allow the foreign minister to form a new team. The collegium was the governing body which decided foreign policy. Among its members were a generous representation of Communist party and KGB officials.

The foreign ministry yesterday declined to give details of how the minister's brief for the human rights conference had been reworked. But, they said, it had undergone "serious renewal" in line with political changes "towards democracy and freedom".

The missions by Mr Gorbachev's special envoys, Aleksandr Yakovlev and Yevgeni Primakov, appear primarily to be fund-raising expeditions. Mr Yakovlev sets out for Germany today and is to have a two-hour meeting with Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, tomorrow. According to Mr Gorbachev's office, he will be taking with him a personal message from the president.

Mr Primakov, who was the Soviet president's special envoy throughout the Gulf war, is to visit Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Iran and Turkey. He will be accompanied by senior Soviet and Russian Federation officials in the oil, gas, construction and banking sectors.

The foreign ministry spokesman said yesterday that the visit was connected not with preparations for a Middle East peace conference but with "the complicated economic situation in our country". Asked whether this meant fund-raising, Mr Churkin replied: "We are diplomats." The announcement of Mr Primakov's tour coincided with a report that a Saudi firm planned to set up banks in Russia and Kazakhstan. Diplomatic relations between the Soviet Union and Saudi Arabia were restored in 1990 after 52 years.

The tone for the Moscow human rights conference was set last Thursday, when Mr Gorbachev persuaded the Soviet Union's highest legislature, the Congress of People's Deputies, to approve a declaration designed to bring Soviet practice into line with that in Western countries. The document has been prominently published in the Soviet press over the past few days.

While one of its purposes is clearly to reassure Russians living in the Baltic States that their rights will be protected, another is to pave the way for the human rights conference and for an announcement, expected soon, about freedom of movement in the Soviet Union. In the past, Soviet citizens have been unable to move between jobs and cities at will because of an internal passport system that closed many cities, including Moscow, to most new arrivals. Observers believe this system of internal passports is about to be abolished.



Wrapped attention: swathed in paper against the cold, a woman sprinkles salt on corn on the cob bought in Moscow's Arbat pedestrian shopping street yesterday

Monuments of bolshevism lie in shame

Michael Binyon visits a park in Moscow where the lifeless symbols of communist terror have been dumped, torn down like the system they served

The statue lies on its back, the huge bronze face half-twisted sideways, deep-set eyes staring blankly. He looks, lying in the grass, like the thousands of men he ordered executed. Feliks Dzerzhinsky, the symbol of communist terror, has been torn down like the system he served.

Removed from the pedestal outside the Lubyanka by a crane as the crowds jeered two weeks' ago, the statue was dumped among the trees across the road from Gorky Park. Knots of people clamber over his long bronze cloak, pose for photographs or tap at his beard whose tip someone has tried to saw off.

Behind him is another familiar figure: Mikhail Kalinin, an influential bolshevik and the second head of the Soviet state after the early death of Iakov Sverdlov. He sits in his chair, which until three weeks ago, was at the head of the avenue bearing his name.

Next to him stands Sverdlov, 20ft high and wearing huge military boots. Someone has painted a labour camp slang word that means, roughly, "slob".

Sverdlov, too, was removed by the Moscow city council as mobs began attacking him on the day before the party was suspended. The pink granite pedestal remains in place, chipped where souvenir hunters have tried to break off a piece. On the back, in great white letters, someone has daubed in English: "F... off". Such is the humiliating end of empire.

The symbols of the communist state have been taken to the back of an open-air sculpture exhibition now on display outside the Central House of Artists. Altogether there are six. Two are of Stalin, though where they came from is unclear: he has not been on public display, except in Georgia, for 30 years. One likeness, of polished pink granite, lies on its side. The shattered visage, the nose smashed off, has a sneer of cold command. Like Ozymandias, "the sculpture well those passions read, which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things".

A few feet away a bronze portrays Stalin from the waist upwards. He appears to be delivering a speech. It must have been one of thousands that dominated offices across the country.

Finally there is a huge bald head, anonymous like all the statues in what has been designated the "park of monuments to totalitarianism". It looks like Khrushchev, but is not. Nor is it Beria, Stalin's secret police chief, though some Russians thought it was. "It was one of those guys anyway," one said contemptuously.

One obvious figure is missing. Lenin remains, literally, on his pedestal. Only 200 yards away, an enormous statue dominates the busy roundabout at October Square. The adoring masses are sculpted round the base.

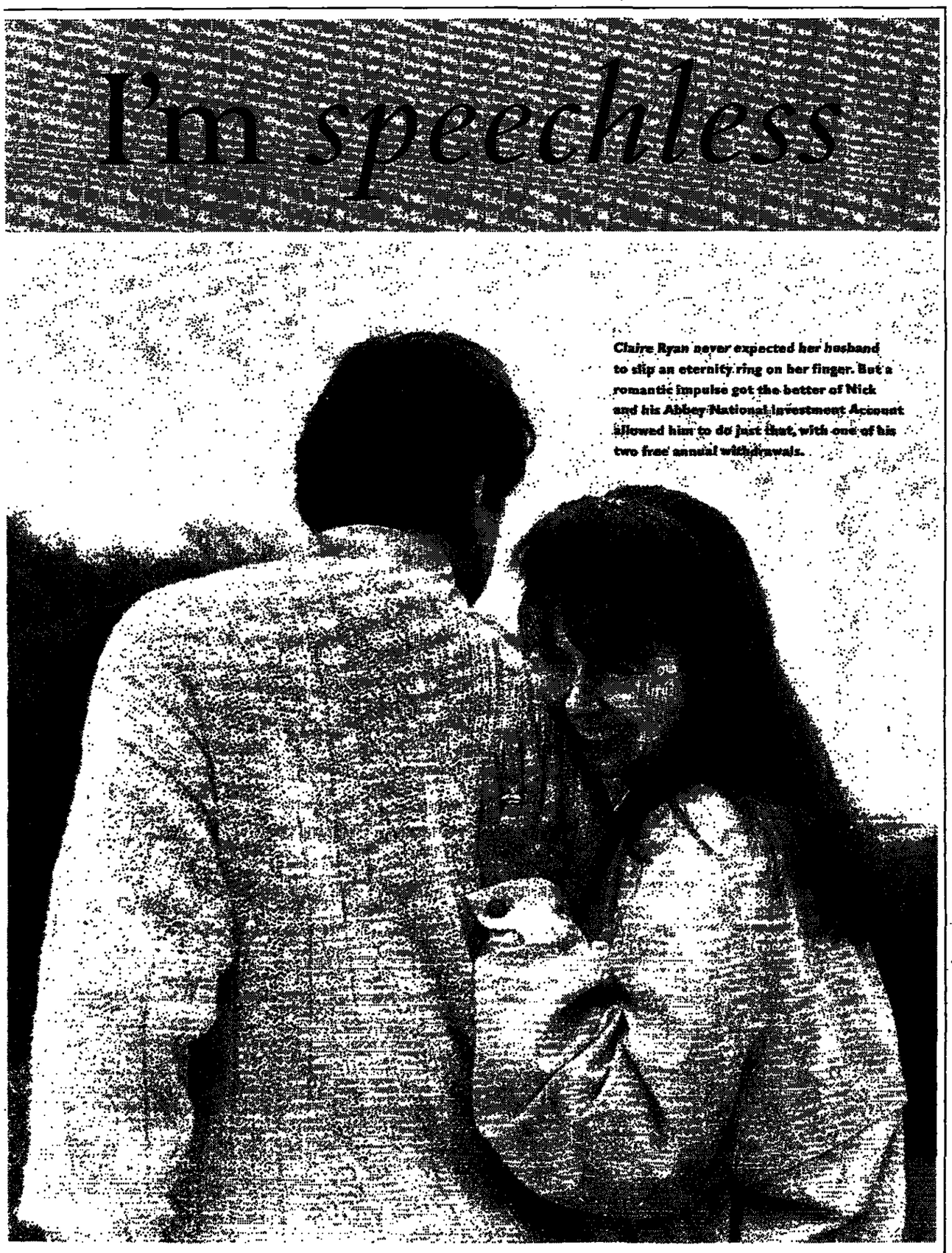
But Lenin is already endangered. His withered and embalmed body is still in the mausoleum, gawped at by thousands each day, and guarded by silent, immobile soldiers with bayonets.

There is a feeling he will not be there much longer. Anatoli Sobchak, the radical mayor of St Petersburg, said last week he should return for a fitting burial beside his mother, as he himself wished, in the city that once bore his name.

History has come full circle. Ironically Tass announced yesterday that the first underground meeting of the new illegal Communist party had already been organised to discuss what to do. The bolshevik leaders, dumped in the park would have had an answer.

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Tajikistan opts for secession

Moscow — The Central Asian republic of Tajikistan declared independence from the Soviet Union yesterday and called a presidential election for October 27.

The independence declaration by a special session of the republic's parliament was largely symbolic, given the decision last week to transform the Soviet Union into a loose confederation of sovereign states. "We can't lag behind other republics. Everybody is declaring independence so we are as well," Aleyev Abdodezhabad, a parliamentary spokesman, said.

Tajikistan, a largely mountainous republic bordering China and Afghanistan, is the eighth of the remaining 12 Soviet republics to claim independence. It became part of the Soviet Union in 1924, having been ruled by Mongols, Uzbeks and Russians since the 13th century. *(AP)*

Legal loophole

Moscow — Lithuania's chief prosecutor has said that although Lithuania forbids rehabilitation of people who were convicted of genocide in Soviet courts, it does not recognise the decisions of Soviet tribunals and so people convicted by them would be rehabilitated unless there is new evidence against them. *(AP)*

Kurile optimism

Tokyo — After receiving a message from Boris Yeltsin, delivered by Ruslan Khasbulatov, acting chairman of Russia's supreme soviet, Japan is convinced that the Russian president is determined to settle the bitter dispute over the Kurile islands, occupied by Soviet forces since the second world war. *(Reuter)*

AZERBAIJAN

President vows to end Armenian conflict

From BRUCE CLARKE IN BAKU

AYAZ Mutalibov, the newly re-elected president of Azerbaijan, promised yesterday to seek a peaceful resolution of the Soviet republic's conflict with Armenia and said that some of his most notorious special forces would be withdrawn from the conflict zone as a goodwill gesture.

Mr Mutalibrov was speaking shortly after the authorities claimed — in the teeth of vigorous denials by the opposition — that a massive "yes" vote had been recorded during Sunday's presidential ballot, in which he was the sole candidate. "The presence of troops is not the best way to solve problems," he said, ushering in what may be a more conciliatory line from a man who has risen to popularity by taking ruthless measures against Armenian fighters in and outside his republic, at a cost of many civilian lives.

The former Communist party leader called for dialogue with a representative of Nagorno-Karabakh, a mountainous enclave whose status is bitterly disputed between Armenia and Azerbaijan. This would be aimed at the withdrawal of all peacekeeping forces from the territory and the full restoration of its self-rule within Azerbaijan; but the transfer of the territory to Armenia would be excluded.

Mr Mutalibov also proposed talks with the government of Armenia aimed at defusing the border conflict between the two republics. As an initial gesture, he said his republic's ruthless "Black Beret" forces would be withdrawn from the airport of Stepanakert, the main city of the disputed region.

Mr Mutalibov also said he was prepared to co-operate with liberal elements within the opposition Popular Front, an offer which could further damage an already demoralised movement.

Lenin's brain goes on view

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

WHILE millions of citizens have paid their respects to Lenin's mummified remains in Moscow's Red Square over the last 67 years, his brain has been preserved a couple of miles away in a sinister research institute set up by Stalin.

On Sunday, American television gave the first tour of the Institute of the Brain, a section of the Academy of Sciences whose mission was to draw lessons from the grey matter of the titans of communist power along with those of some of the country's great artists. Lenin's brain is housed in room 19 of the institute, which until the coup had been closely guarded by the KGB, said Artyom Borovik, a Soviet reporter who works for CBS.

"There is no way to understand the fear and secrecy that permeates room 19 unless you understand the madness and evil of the man who created the Institute of the Brain, Josef Stalin," Mr Borovik said as he led viewers into the inner sanctum. "Stalin's mandate to the institute was to prove that Lenin and the other great pioneering communists were representatives of a kind of *mental master race*."

Lenin's brain has been the subject of popular legend since he died in 1924. According to some, he was poisoned by Stalin. Another tale has it that congenital syphilis had caused his brain to rot. Mr Borovik said he had first been shown a wax model of the whole brain, which did not show the pockmarks said to have been caused by syphilis. Then viewers were shown slivers of tissue – which were among 30,000 taken for research.

"When the director of brain studies first held one of these slices of Lenin's brain in her hand, she said it sent shivers down her spine," said Mr Borovik. Work on Lenin's brain had stopped 40 years ago, shortly before Stalin's brain was brought to the institute. "All the elaborate studies and reports had been labeled 'top secret,' locked in this safe, and the institute's scientists forbidden ever to discuss their findings," he said.

Viewers also saw containers holding the pickled brains of Stalin, Sergei Eisenstein, the film director, and Tchaikovsky as well as that of Andrei Sakharev. A special fast-reaction unit had brought the brain of the late human rights activist within hours of his death in December 1989.

Stalin's scientists and their successors were trying to prove links between physical characteristics of the brain and the physical and psychological make-up of its owner. After Dr Sakharov's brain was deposited two years ago, Oleg Adrianov, the director of the institute, said the general goal had been to disprove nazi-style theories that linked mental attributes to race.

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Macedonian freedom vote deals blow to Yugoslavia

From ANNE MCELVOY IN ZAGREB

TH ragged Yugoslav federatio suffered a further blow yesrday as preliminary resultfrom Macedonia showed that had joined Slovenia and Crdia in an overwhelming votfor independence.

Ely figures indicated that abo 99 per cent of those vote were in favour of a sovein Macedonia. The couny would, however, reserve the right to rejoin a feded Yugoslavia, if such an entit were to rise from the ashesof the present conflict. Greetn the vote, Nicole Klijus, the prime minister, said: "We want to open Macednia's border, wipe out visas nd make Macedonia a neutra demilitarised zone.

Stjto Tomac, the deputy prime minister of Croatia, sent a message to Skopje on behalf of his government, saying "We congratulate you on you freedom." He also announed that "the old Yugoslavia is no more".

There was no official response tom Serbia yesterday afernoon, but in the wake of the vot the official Tanjug nws agency reported that Srbia, Bulgaria and Greece would hold a conference in Ahens next week to discuss "regiona problems". Bulgaria, which like Greece has historically refused to recognise Macedonia's state or nationhood, said yesterday that it was prepared to recognise Macedonia's independence "in due course".

As the nation studied the implications of the vote, fierce fighting continued yesterday in Kostajnica, 50 miles south of the Croatian capital Zagreb. There was also fighting overnight in the village of Laslovo near Osijek, the secene of heavy clashes since Croatia declared its independence on June 25.

Yesterday European Community observers ventured out of the safety of Zagreb to monitor a broken ceasefire in Osijek. Five officials visited the area and reported it to be calm. The observers have been unable to carry out their work so far because their own safety could not be guaranteed.

Henry Wijnaendts, the EC's special envoy braved a stretch of the highway from Zagreb to Belgrade which is blocked by Serbian guerrillas. He said: "The ceasefire is extremely fragile and we are not dupes ... we have seen that if we announce our visit beforehand, there is no shooting."



Time off: a married couple, both members of the Croat national guard, returning to their home after a shopping trip to Osijek

The decisive Macedonian vote reflects the fulfilment of a long-cherished dream for autonomy among Macedonians. Their nationhood was disputed by Greece and their territory was overrun by mighty empires – they were carved up between Greece, Bulgaria and Serbia in 1913. Only those in southern Serbia were given statehood by Marshal Tito when he created modern Macedonia in 1945.

The turnout was lower than expected at 74 per cent, thought to be the result of many ethnic Albanians failing to take part in the referendum to draw attention to alleged harassment by the Macedonian authorities. A quarter of the two million inhabitants of the republic are Albanian, and relations between the two groups have traditionally been strained. A young Albanian died in police custody last Thursday in the capital, Skopje, and 2,000 Albanians marched on the police station in protest, with some of their leaders calling for a boyott of the referendum.

Speaking after the vote, the Macedonian president, Kiro Gligorov, was anxious to soothe Belgrade's damaged pride at losing yet another chunk of its federation. He said that Macedonia would not seek to establish paramilitary forces and was intent on "neighbourly relations".

President Gligorov said: "Macedonia's independence is not directed against anyone. It is only a support upon which to establish new relations in Yugoslavia, the Balkans and in Europe." But he made clear that the republic would enforce its full independence rather than stay in a federation which did not include Slovenia and Croatia and which would effectively be a "Greater Serbia".

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Poland pulls out of talks with EC

From GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

POLAND withdrew from trade talks with the European Community yesterday, saying its representatives would not come to Brussels again until the EC offered a better import deal for Polish food.

The Polish move came three days after France blocked agreement on a better EC offer to the Polish, Czechoslovak and Hungarian governments, which are negotiating terms for future economic cooperation with the community. Last Friday, the French foreign minister refused to let an additional 500 tons of Polish beef into the EC, provoking furious protests from his colleagues.

Jacek Sariusz-Wolski, the chief Polish negotiator, said he saw no purpose in the next round of talks due to take place in ten days. He said disillusion was especially sharp in Poland because EC governments had given the impression that work on the co-operation agreements would be speeded up and the offer improved.

EC foreign ministers are due to meet again at the end of the month and the community's leaders will hold a special one-day summit in early October. The meetings are the last chance to complete the agreements associating the three East European states with the EC before the end of the year.

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Southern EC fears currency exclusion

From TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

SCTHERN European natio, backed by France, yesterry strongly objected to a Duh plan that would exclu them from a single Eupean currency and single bar.

Te so-called "Club Med" couries – Greece, Italy, Spa and Portugal – all doged by either spiralling inflion or heavy public debts or th. stand little chance of meeng economic benchmas being suggested by the Dut as entry criteria for ecoomic and monetary unic The Dutch plan has the backg of Germany, which has en accused of hijacking Eurean monetary union mer to strengthen the mark – wch is what the French envized monetary union wouldprevent.

Tldeepening controversy overionetary union has led Jacqs Delors, the European Comssion president, to the point despair. How the two sides, those favouring twospeedhion and those backing univel union can be recconcilein time for the intergoverental conference in Maastht in December is far from parent.

M llors has always said that aonetary union treaty must : signed by all 12 memb states, with special derogans for those with econoc problems or those for wh the very idea is abhore namely Britain. This aroach to monetary union b been dropped by the Dutch.Wm Kok, the Dutch financeainister, reiterated to his coterparts yesterday that degations made little sense. Ii draft treaty text, Mr Kok sgests that some nations w have to accept that they arkely to be left out of moneta union until they can fulfil bc economic criteria.

This int approach has left France complaining about princip: a spokesman for Pierre régovoy, the finance minist yesterday said the Dutch innot "superimpose two spds". Others in the Club ed camp want to expande economic convergence oditions.

The her convergence criteria sgested by the Dutch are sila inflation and interest te levels, and a nation's spect for at least two years the narrow 2.25 per cent bd of divergence in the exchar rate mechanism of the Eppean Monetary System. Te latter would exclude Britai and Spain at the mome. Neither Portugal nor Greecs in the ERM. Guido Carli, e Italian foreign minister, ggested that the criteria ould take into account the sizof a nation's economy. Italy, though regarded as a worl industrial power throu its inclusion in the Groupf Seven industrialised natio, is crippled by a public debt.

Parisians slink back to work

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

THIRTEEN million French children will slink reluctantly back to school today in what traditionally marks the end of summer for a nation that has spent much of the past three months basking on the beach.

Already the streets of Paris are becoming clogged with ill-tempered motorists burning rubber and resuming their traditional persecution of pedestrians who, in turn, are striking their first retaliatory blows with walking sticks and umbrellas. In the Métro and on the buses, those sharp Parisian elbows are back at work, creating space to a muttered chorus



of insults about foreigners who have the nerve to occupy seats that belong by divine right to the natives.

There are those who will swear that Paris in July and August is the best of times, when the city is drained of its cold and clannish inhabitants and the streets are filled with inoffensive tourists. All that comes to an abrupt end with the start of the school year, which serves as a signal for normal discourtesies to be resumed.

The big stores have come back to life, too, with special promotions designed to ensure that French children can blackmail their parents into equipping them from head to foot with the latest gear. Clearly it goes without saying that no self-respecting bougeoise family can afford to be seen escorting its child back to the school gate and another year of hard labour in last year's outfits.

To be fair, some Parisians appear to accept the pressing need to assuage the *rentrée* blues, to make life marginally bearable until the skiing season comes round and everybody heads for the mountains (in brand new togs, to be sure). An enterprising columnist in the newspaper *France-Soir* proposed that all private cars (except those belonging to journalists and their families) should be banned from the centre of Paris until after dusk, when everyone would be free to circulate.

"OK, there will always be smart guys who try to get round this law, so I propose that the police be empowered to open fire on offenders without warning," Claude Vincent wrote, adding: "After all, they already do so when their nerves are on edge." If that fails, M Vincent observes, it may be necessary to equip the forces of law and order with rocket launchers and helicopters carrying napalm.

Some may feel that this is going a little too far, but those who know Paris at this peculiarly fraught time of year will applaud the sentiment behind the proposal. Given the circumstances, an armed escort will surely be required for the actors who, it was announced yesterday, are to entertain September commuters on the notoriously slow 127 route, running between Montreuil and Neuilly-sur-Marne, with a selection of comic works.

France ready to cut its nuclear arsenal

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

THE prospect of a significant reduction in France's short-range nuclear weapons arsenal was raised yesterday by Pierre Joxe, the French defence minister. After meeting Gerhard Stoltenberg, his German counterpart, M Joxe said that France "would not step on the brakes if there is a major movement towards nuclear disarmament throughout the world".

M Joxe was apparently reacting to comments made at the weekend by Richard Cheney, the US defence secretary, about the lack of "validity" of the thousands of short-range nuclear weapons now based in Europe as a result of the changes in the Soviet Union. For the French government, M Joxe said, any large-scale reduction in this sector could be the first objective in what he called "this new era of disarmament".

In Herr Stoltenberg's view, Germany's interests would be best served by direct US-Soviet negotiations over the reduction of short-range arsenals. "The two great powers have to agree on this first," he added, "after which I can envisage meetings with our French allies about the development of nuclear strategy."

Herr Stoltenberg said the French would then be able to "revise" their present policy, a clear allusion to the Hades short-range missiles in eastern France, which were effectively reserved for targets in pre-unification East Germany. Some observers believe Paris is prepared to treat the Hades as a bargaining counter in negotiations on a common defence policy for Europe.

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Businessman freed by China thanks Major for his help

From JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

LUO Haixing, the Hong Kong businessman released by the Chinese government from a prison in Canton yesterday, believes he has John Major to thank for his freedom. He was sentenced to five years in jail last March for helping two dissidents, Wang Juntao and Chen Ziming, in their attempt to flee the country after the Tiananmen Square killings of June 1989.

Hong Kong democracy activists said, however, that his early release did not indicate any improvement in human rights in China. Lee Cheuk-yan, a trade-union leader, said that what Luo had done was not a crime and he should never have been jailed.

Luo's high profile as a former employee of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and the pressure applied by his family are thought to have helped British requests for his release. But Lai Pui-shing and Li Long-ching, Hong Kong activists jailed with him, remain in prison. They were sentenced to five and four years respectively.

The court which jailed them was told that they were employed by a Hong Kong company to go to the mainland and smuggle out people engaged in the "counter-revolutionary rebellion" in Peking. Papers presented to the court claimed that they had helped at least 14 activists to flee the country.

All three cases were raised by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, during his visit to Peking in April, along with the case of Lau Shan-ching, who was sentenced to ten years in 1982 on counter-revolution charges. Mr Hurd said afterwards that the Chinese leaders had undertaken to look into the cases.

Luo was first arrested in 1989 but was not convicted for a year and a half. The official reason for his release was that he had a heart problem. He said yesterday that his first action when he returned to Hong Kong today would be to have a medical check-up.

● *King visit:* Tom King, the defence secretary, is to visit Hong Kong next week, a Hong Kong government spokesman said yesterday.

Mr King's two-day visit, starting on Tuesday, comes after last week's meeting of the Sino-British joint liaison group at which China was reported to have agreed to the relocation of British naval forces away from their present base, which is close to the colony's central banking and financial district. *(AFP)*

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Manila base deal fails first test

By ABBY TAN IN MANILA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

RICHARD Cheney, the American defence secretary, said yesterday he was not optimistic that the Philippine senate would ratify the treaty extending the American lease on Subic Bay naval base. His comments came after the Philippine Senate foreign relations committee voted to reject the deal with America.

Earlier, President Aquino of the Philippines asked Filipinos to take to the streets in a repeat demonstration of the "people power" that had swept her to office in 1986. She said a show of force was necessary to pressure a hostile senate to ratify the treaty.

The full Philippine senate is expected to vote on the agreement in the next few days. The support for the senate committee's resolution indicates that the upper chamber will reject the pact.

Mr Cheney, interviewed on ABC television in Washington, said he could not predict the outcome of the final vote but he said that he was not hopeful. "Right now, the indicators are not good."

In another interview with Cable News Network, Mr Cheney said: "We would like to continue in the Philippines, but we obviously cannot stay where we are not wanted, and we won't." He said Philippine acceptance of the treaty would signal stability of the government to foreign investors while rejection could hurt investment in the country.

In a national television broadcast, Mrs Aquino reminded Filipinos that the country could not afford to reject the American bases treaty in the aftermath of the devastation caused by the volcanic eruption of Mount Pinatubo in June, which had left 650,000 people jobless. American aid linked to the renewal of the bases treaty is considered by Manila as crucial for economic recovery.

Today President Aquino will personally lead a rally expected to draw up to half a million people. "It is on behalf of our countrymen that we are again mobilising people power," she said. "Let us make our voices heard."

Mrs Aquino faces certain defeat if she is unable to muster 16 votes or a two-thirds majority in the 23-member upper chamber. Yesterday 12 senators had signed the anti-base resolution.

The new treaty extends by ten years America's lease of Subic naval base for an annual compensation of $203 million (£120 million). Most senators say the amount belittles Philippine sovereignty.



Face to face: a contruction worker in Tiananmen Square pausing to look at the portrait of Mao Tse-tung

Peking upholds memory of Mao

Fifteen years after Mao's death, thousands still visit his body and his doctrine thrives, endorsed by elder statesman Deng Xiaoping. **Catherine Sampson** writes from Peking

Mao Tse-tung would turn in his display case if he knew that his hero Lenin may be moved from his mausoleum on Red Square and shifted ignominiously to pastures new. The position of China's great helmsman, however, seems safe in the grandiose mausoleum which has been his resting place for the past 15 years.

On the anniversary of Mao's death yesterday, thousands of Chinese faithful queued to file, accompanied by funereal music, into the sombre hall in which his eerily lit body lies. Guards yelled through loudhailers, urging them to keep up a cracking pace and reminding them that it was forbidden to carry any packages into the mausoleum. They have been nervous ever since they found a young man with a pocket full of explosives walking into the mausoleum four years ago.

Xinhua, the official news agency, announced with pride that 67.5 million people had made the pilgrimage to the mausoleum in the past 15 years, an average of 40,000 a day. The evening television news featured Mao's rather plump grandson, Mao Xinyu, paying his respects at a statue of his grandfather.

China's state-controlled media also offered some insights on how Deng Xiaoping, the country's elder statesman, aged 87, remains well-preserved. Mr Deng has not been seen in public for about seven months, but is believed to enjoy reasonably good health.

Although he holds no official post, he is believed to wield immense power behind the scenes. A supporter of economic reform but a hardliner politically, most observers believe that China could change politically only after his death.

China Elderly News reported that Mr Deng drinks two glasses of "medicinal spirits" a day, ignores medical advice, and breakfasts on soybean milk and steamed bread. He is also believed to have acquired a taste for croissants when he studied in France in the 1920s.

He rises at 6.30am and by 9am is listening to a private reading of the news highlights. By 10am Mr Deng is studying Communist Party Central Committee documents, a practice he repeats at 10pm before he goes to bed.

His whole family is assembled for lunch at 12.30pm and dinner at 6.30pm, and his private secretaries attend as well so that the party spills on to two tables. His family includes his wife, Zhuo Lin, two sons, three daughters and 11 grandchildren.

In 1956, Mao signed a document condemning grand funerals and pledging to be cremated because it saved on space and coffins. After his death in 1976, however, his body was embalmed with the help of the Vietnamese who had embalmed Ho Chi Minh.

In 1989, Xinhua denied that Mao's body was shrinking, citing regular measurements by medical staff. The report put people's observations that he seems smaller than they expected down to an optical illusion caused by the fact that Mao's body was lying down and was placed at a distance from those viewing it. Yesterday, Xinhua assured readers again that "Mao's body is well-preserved".

Floods threaten capital

Phnom Penh – Floods have transformed the outskirts of the Cambodian capital into a vast swamp and residents have stacked thousars of sandbags to try to save buildings.

The worst floods to hit Cambodia in nearly 4 years have killed about 100 people in the countryside, made 300,000 homeless and ruined 247,000 acres of rice paddies, the United Nations Development Programme said. An international relief effort is under way.

The Phnom Penh municipal authorities have ordered sandbags to be place round important buildings id they are building a dyke ong the river banks to prevnt the floods from swamping the city. The capital lies beside a confluence of the Tnle Sap and Mekong rivers which diverge again farth downstream. The rivers now resemble a huge lake. *(Reuter)*

Army accused

Bangkok – Burm's army murders and brutalises as a matter of routine mbers of ethnic minorities force to work as porters in anti-guerrilla campaigns, Amnesty International said n a report received here. Th human rights group said the army uses the porters s human mine detectors. *(Reuter)*

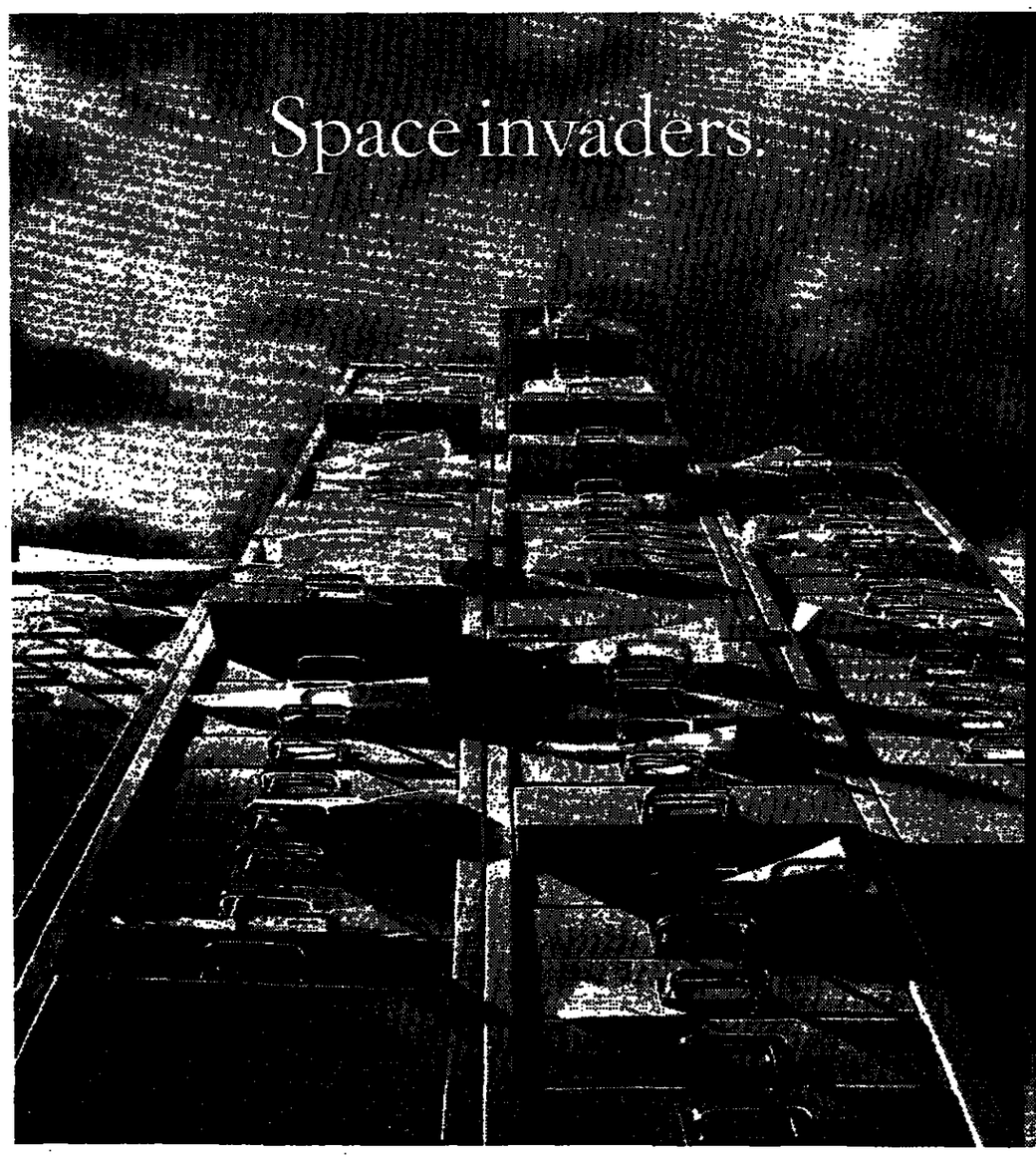
Crash cause

Seattle – Niki Lauda, owner of Lauda Air, has confirmed that accidental mid-air deployment of the thrust reversers on the port engine caused the crash in Thailand of one of his Boeing 767 jets last May. All 223 people on board died. Thai officials have yet to establish how the reversers were activated in flight. *(?)*

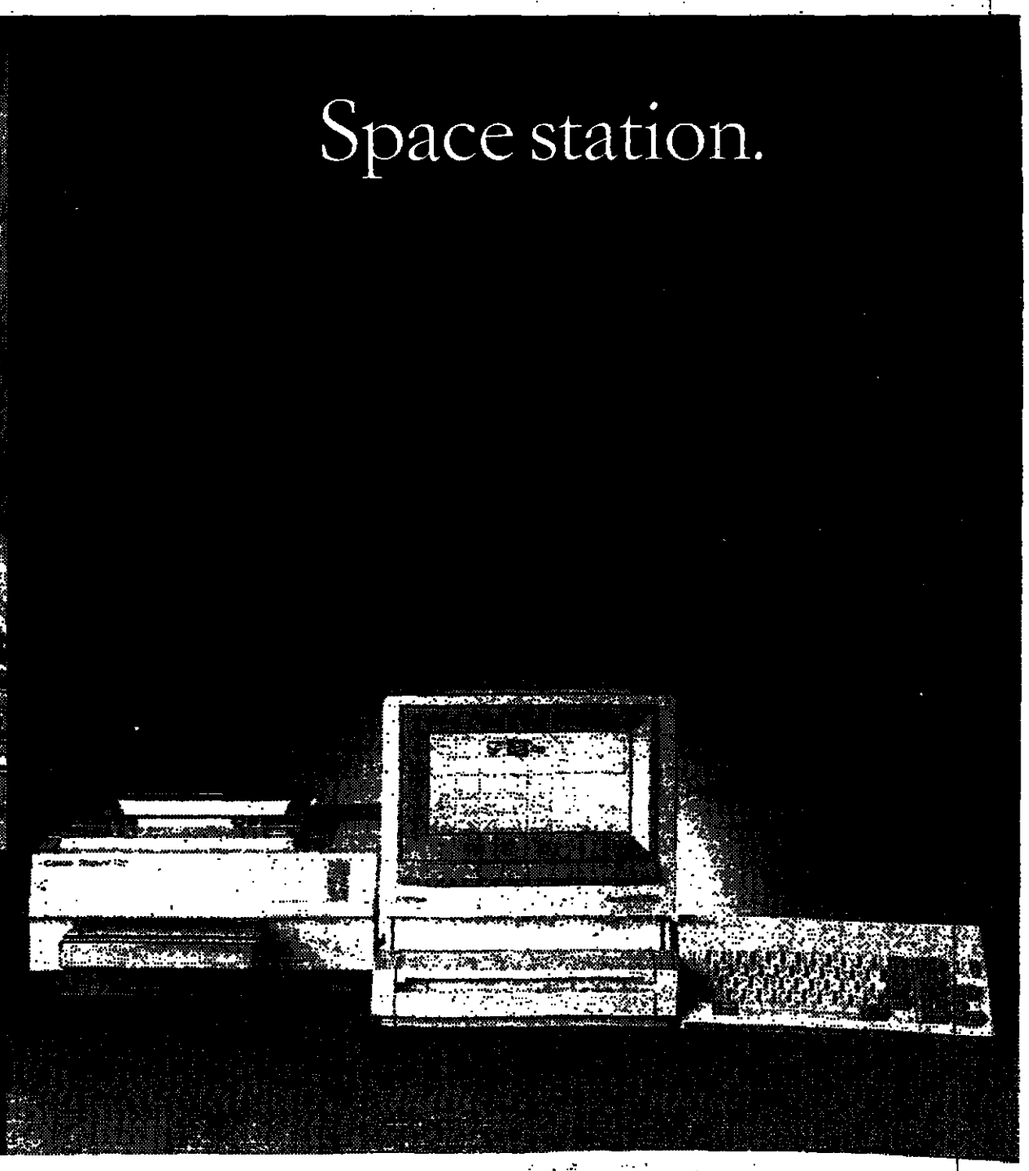
Skippy return

Sydney – Skippy the Australian kangaroo is returning in a new television series, already sold around the world, but he will no longer drive cars, fly helicopters or send morse code. He will still communicate by clicking. Nine Network said, but he will reflect the environmental concerns of the 1990s. *(Reuter)*

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CINEMA: VENICE FESTIVAL

From the Rialto to the Odeons?

The most established and stylish annual film event is facing a change of director and, possibly, of season, **David Robinson** says

Venice is still queen of film festivals, by virtue of seniority (57 years; 48 festivals) and the prestigious association with the great art Biennale. But the throne is currently a trifle shaky. The Cannes Festival, which is bigger and commercially much more powerful, is talking of moving its dates from May to September. This would force a difficult and unwanted change of season on Venice. The Italian and French ministers of culture are exchanging messages of mutual goodwill, but the future is uncertain.

The uncertainty comes, moreover, at the time of Venice's regular four-year crisis, when a new director must, by statute, be appointed. The appointment is highly political, and generally contentious. Guglielmo Biraghi, the outgoing director, has brought back style and prestige to the event. Favourite candidate as his successor is the glamorous and acutely intelligent film critic of *La Repubblica*, Irena Bignardi.

To programme Venice or Cannes, however, is not an enviable job. Smaller festivals such as London, Edinburgh or New York can take their pick from the whole year's world cinema. The big ones are commited to exclusive premieres.

So far this year, Venice has produced no masterpieces or surprises. Among the well-established directors, Werner Herzog treads familiar ground in *Scream of Stone* – his obsessive theme of superhuman endeavour, in this case the conquest of a notorious Patagonian mountain-peak, Cerro Torre. Herzog now chooses his subjects as physical challenges. He took his unit to the real location, in storm conditions, and, by his own account, exposed them to frostbite, hunger and risk of death.

The risk was not worthwhile. The spectacle spares no pains; but it is undermined by story, character and dialogue of dreadful banality. Herzog sets out to revive a venerable German heroic genre – the mountain film – but the rivalry of two men for the same mountain and same girl is the stuff of old-time sports melodrama.

> *'River Phoenix has grown from child star to a formidable 20-year-old actor'*

Jacques Rivette's **La Belle Noiseuse** originally appeared in Cannes, running for four hours. It resurfaces in Venice in a two hour version, retitled **La Belle Noiseuse – Divertimento**. The new version appears to be called for by contractual obligations to deliver a two-hour film; but Rivette makes a virtue of necessity. The pace and rhythm are altered and alternative versions of some scenes are used. The result is wholly satisfying: still a peculiarly compelling essay on the mystical element in artistic creation. Michel Piccoli is a painter who exerts Svengali influence upon his models, but is himself subjugated by his own creation.

Piccoli in his sixties is an astonishing actor – effortless, self-contained, entirely absorbed into his roles. He plays another Svengali in Niko Papatakis' **Les Equilibristes**. Papatakis, born 73 years ago of Greco-Ethiopian parentage, is a singular figure in French cultural history. He was prominent in post-war Left Bank society; with his wife Anouk Aimée he ran the cabaret Rose Rouge which launched Juliette Greco, Marcel Marceau and Michel Piccoli.

In 1963 Papatakis' first film *Les Abysses*, based on the same true murder story as Jean Genet's *The Maids*, was a celebrated *succès de scandale*. *Les Equilibristes* is his fifth film as director. He also produced the first film of John Cassavetes, *Shadows*; and the only film ever made by Jean Genet: *Un Chant d'Amour* (1950).



Hustlers on the road: Keanu Reeves (left) and River Phoenix in *My Own Private Idaho*, one of the films at the Venice Film Festival

Les Equilibristes is in fact an undisguised and disenchanted recollection of Genet, whom Papatakis knew well. In the early Sixties the writer took up a young Arab called Abdallah and supervised and financed his training as a tightrope walker.

His motive seemed to be a mixture of sexuality, a frustrated desire for a son, and the fulfilment of creativity in devising the circus act. After Abdallah suffered a couple of falls, Genet abandoned him altogether, to promote a new young protégé. Abdallah committed suicide in 1964. Papatakis' direct story-telling (the script owes something to Genet's style) only makes the tragedy more brutal.

Representing Britain in Venice, Derek Jarman, with Marlowe's **Edward II** confronts Peter Greenaway with **Prospero's Books**, after *The Tempest*. *Edward II* has still to come, but the visual splendours and excess of the Greenaway film have struck awe in the Lido spectators and the film looks like a candidate for a prize.

Shakespeare surfaced again unexpectedly in Gus Van Sant's **My Own Private Idaho**, ostensibly the story of two young hustlers in Portland, Oregon. River Phoenix, who has grown from child star to a formidable 20-year-old actor, plays a narcoleptic on the road, picking up money where he can by amateur prostitution. Shakespeare provides the story of his companion (Keanu Reeves) who is a modern-dressed Prince Hal. The Falstaff-Hal scenes from *Henry IV Part One* and *Part Two* and *Henry V* (which provided Orson Welles with *Chimes at Midnight*), are lifted directly, with no modification of the dialogue. The old king is now city mayor; Falstaff is leader of a band of hippies.

Uncomfortably stuck into an impressively staged contemporary setting, the Shakespearean bit seems pretentious and uncomfortable. Van Sant himself clearly does not regard it as a mistake, since the original text is handed out for the enlightenment of the press in Venice. The remainder of the film is strong enough to survive the miscalculation.

After her successful début with *Salaam Bombay*, the Indian-born Harvard-educated Mira Nair has made an adventurous American production, **Mississippi Masala**. The script by Sooni Taraporevala is a sophisticated exploration of racism. The protagonist is the daughter of Ugandan Indians who settled in Mississippi after Idi Amin's expulsion of the Ugandan Asians in 1972. When she falls in love with a young American black (Denzel Washington), it brings to the surface all the resentments of two races of colour.

More vigorous editing could have given this intelligent and sincere film greater vitality. The heroine's mother is played by Sharmila Tagore, an Indian star who made her name as a teenager in the films of Satyajit Ray.

BRIEFING

Seven for five

THE West End cinema squeeze will get worse after Thursday, when the Warner in Leicester Square – built in 1938 on the site of Daly's Theatre – closes for extensive redevelopment. Everything but its art deco facade will be knocked down, and seven screens will replace the present five. The closure will be marked by a demolition ceremony performed by the Duchess of Kent and a gala screening of the cinema's first attraction, *The Adventures of Robin Hood* with Errol Flynn. The cinema should be reborn in time for Christmas 1993; in the meantime, Warner films will be shunted round other West End venues, including the promised new screens at the Trocadero.

Staying on



Ju Ming: hit debutant

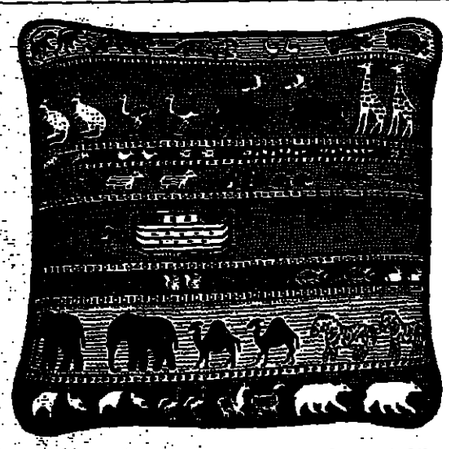
SO MUCH public interest has been provoked by the dozen huge bronze sculptures currently being exhibited on the riverwalk outside the Festival Hall that one piece at least seems destined to remain. The exhibition of the bronzes is the first showing of the distinguished Chinese sculptor Ju Ming in this country. Now the exhibition has been extended to the end of November, and the South Bank plans to buy a bronze to remain on site after the rest move on to Guildford for Christmas.

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AT THE *Proms* (Albert Hall, 071-823 9998) some of the most mouth-watering concerts are customarily reserved for the final week. Welsh National Opera performs Mozart's *Idomeneo* on Friday, displacing the usual Beethoven's Ninth on the penultimate night. A snazzy Bernstein and Stravinsky concert comes from the LSO and Tilson Thomas on Thursday, and the traditional Last Night jollities are on Saturday.

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Mapping out the garden to ensure future glories

A "national arts strategy", costing £300,000, presents a detailed case for more arts subsidy, Simon Tait reports

This week the Arts Council is publishing what it claims is the most comprehensive analysis of the arts ever undertaken in this country. Comprising 45 discussion documents designed to generate public debate, the National Arts and Media Strategy is, according to an Arts Council spokeswoman, "a blueprint for the arts over the next decade and beyond the turn of the century which will challenge the assumptions made about the arts over the years."

The National Arts and Media Strategy was ordered 18 months ago by the then arts minister, Richard Luce. During the past six months or so, invited experts have been working on the 45 papers which deal with subjects ranging from opera to folk craft. According to Howard Webber, the Strategy's co-ordinator: "No aspect of the arts or funded media in Great Britain can be properly discussed without reference to these documents".

The submissions will be made available to interested members of the public free of charge; responses are invited by the end of November. By the spring there will be a draft strategy and the whole £300,000 operation should end with final publication in June.

The Arts Council asked Michael Church, an arts journalist, to write a summary of the submissions, and he finds a stark reality for the strategy to address: "It must face the fact that the theatre is now playing safe to survive its seemingly permanent cash crisis; that the film industry is moribund; the library service is buckling under the demands made on it; the subsidy system is unstable and often chaotic; that British companies are increasingly unable to compete economically with their European counterparts; that performers are glaringly underpaid (when paid at all)."

Church writes that sponsorship has now largely "done all it can", and that new alliances between the public and private sectors cannot hope to bridge growing shortfalls. Nor is there evidence of waste by arts companies, he adds.

Among the needs identified are a national dance house, a national arts archive, the inclusion of the disabled in arts projects, support for amateur arts and "a less insulting wage for performers and creators.

"The proposed new projects, coupled with the fact that many essential institutions are in need of rescue, lead to one inescapable conclusion: substantially more public money must be found for the arts," writes Church.

Oddly, no paper was commissioned specifically about funding because, explains Webber, the strategy has to challenge government rather than dictating government policy; most papers have a funding aspect anyway.

In fact the strategy only has the binding commitment of the immediate funding bodies: the Arts Council, the British Film Institute, the Crafts Council and the regional arts boards. Charles Morgan of the National Campaign for the Arts sees a stumbling block in this. "Whether or not the Arts Council produces what looks like a sensible strategy, it's not worth the paper it's printed on unless it has the wholehearted approval of local authorities, government departments and everyone else concerned with funding the arts.

"This is an exercise which is inevitably costing a large sum of money. There seems to be no safeguard that it has any more commitment from government than a large number of other reports produced over the last 12 years. Ministers will do as they've done before: pick out the bits they fancy and avoid anything they don't like. Unless the government makes proper financial provision for the arts, one gets the idea that all of this process is rather a whitewash."

RADIO: REVIEW

Case of the stingless wasp

The long shadow of *Monty Python* casts a pall over many fields; its influence is so pervasive as often to be difficult to see. In some respects the very way we view the popular culture of previous ages has been irrevocably modulated by Cleese, Palin and co. In particular, the interbelleum world of their parents' heyday – Empire, tea-dances, self-improvement, myopic optimism – comes to us substantially through their satires.

This is a period rich in risibility; indeed, the cartoonist Glen Baxter has made a career out of using its images in surrealistic context. Now **The Harpoon** (Radio 4, Saturday) colonises the same world by purporting to be a pre-war magazine for all the family. Fiction, quizzes and "how to" features are interspersed with daft advertisements and bluff comments from the editor, who typically solves readers' problems by advising them to invest in a gun.

If it seems a tall order to presume to evoke magazine pages on air, the programme starts with the advantage that most of the jokes, tame though they are, are strictly verbal. And it has found a way of conveying a comic strip which does justice to the clichés of schoolgirl fiction. Its heroine is the daughter of a rich cockney, a circumstance which enables her to mouth rhyming slang in a "U" accent. Newly arrived at boarding school, she notices the prevalence of unshaven loiterers with binoculars and wonders if there might be a connection with the preposterous number of girls who have recently disappeared. (Yes, there is.)



P.J. O'Rourke: he did not start the week wittily

All this is rendered, anything but naturalistically, by the characters describing the contents of the notional frames in which they appear. "Look, there's a shadowy figure wandering about in front of the chapel in a dazed manner!" Mainstream radio drama could learn from this technique.

The book publishing industry heaved a collective sigh yesterday morning with the return of **Start The Week** (Radio 4), which provided a platform for P.J. O'Rourke to promote his new polemical work on the American political system. Listeners who, having read O'Rourke's journalism, may have been puzzled by his reputation as a wit, will have had their puzzlement confirmed. Here surely, with fairly quiescent fellow guests, was the opportunity for him to shine. But no: having been invited to consider the demise of communism, he did so with as much sobriety as any political analyst.

This is the Gore Vidal syndrome: the waspish commentator wants to be taken seriously as an authoritative voice, perhaps even to become a politician himself. Then things livened up tremendously, with Julie Burchill and John Mortimer accusing each other of snobbery. Welcome back.

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The sensual, supple qualities of suede are in favour again. **Dinah Hall** talks to designers who are devoted to hide chic

Luxury of a second skin

There must be some element of primeval satisfaction in wearing suede next to the skin. Though the price tag brings reality back with a jolt, suede evokes echoes of the hunter-gather and has a natural sensuality that comes from being closer to the animal than many of us might care to consider.

Suede and leather have such different qualities it is easy to forget they are two sides of the same material. Leather has a tough, macho image, suede is softer and feminine, yet it has a down-to-earth appeal. Season after season clothes rooted in the cowboy/workwear tradition express this dichotomy.

One of the best-known names in British suede design is Nigel Preston and his Maxfield Parrish label, started in 1978. His clothes all have a fluid simplicity, but by choosing suede as a medium this style was in effect thrust upon him. Creativity must be kept within the bounds of technical possibility, but trying to stretch such boundaries is a challenge he enjoys. "It is difficult to get fullness and suede does not float," he says. "I have just spent a week on one set of patterns, trying to make the material 'kick' — with fabric it would have been easy."

Seaming presents one of the biggest difficulties. "You spend a lot of time wondering where to put the break. If you put the seam in the right place you can divert the eye from it or direct attention towards it, depending on the effect you want."

Mr Preston uses a lot of goat skin, bought from mainly Muslim countries. He uses tanneries in France, believing the English do not have the equipment or the expertise to make a good-looking product. And his biggest turnover is in Italy, which surprised him as they produce so much suede themselves.

He prefers suede clothes to have what he calls "a schlompy look. I once did some suede dungarees that no one would look at until they saw them on models — they looked a bit of a mess, but that was how they were meant to be." Mr Preston has also done dresses loosely based on the butcher's apron shape. "Styles should be able to last. I hate the idea that this season's collection makes next year's heap of rubbish."

> 'The invention last year of a washable suede has enhanced its appeal'

Maxfield Parrish clothes are available from Joseph, SW1, SW3; Harvey Nichols, SW1; Helen Hayes, Barnes; Matches, Wimbledon; and Image, Bath. The suede parka shown here costs £650, the jodhpurs £380, and suede shirts are £550.

Both Mr Preston and Jean Muir — acknowledged as a genius with suede — remain faithful to the material, which goes through low points in the fashion trade. Jane Buckle, the public relations officer for Strong & Fisher the Northamptonshire-based tannery, says four or five years ago it was in decline. This year, however, it is in demand, with designers such as Nicole Farhi, Betty Jackson and Edina Ronay buying the tannery's expensive sheep suede. Its invention last year of a washable suede has undoubtedly enhanced its appeal (Jeeves of Belgravia charges from £36.75 for dry cleaning a suede shirt). Washable suede is washed separately on a wool cycle, left to dry, then reshaped and pressed with a cool iron. Betty Jackson found that washable suede, which she has used for overshirts, tops and bodysuits, combined well with the fluid heavyweight silk/viscose of her winter collection.

Suede, as Ms Jackson says, is a sexy material — a good designer will use but not exploit this quality. Miss Muir first started using it when she discovered its affinity with jersey. Like Mr Preston, she enjoys the challenge of cutting suede. "It is nice to cut in a strict, geometric way, then put it into a supple skin. But also you can paint with it — it is like using big pieces of colour. You can appliqué it, bind it with gold . . . and of course it takes dye beautifully — anything natural does."

Jean Muir's suede jacket shown here costs £812, a three-quarter length coat is £925, and a short straight skirt is £432. Her clothes are available from Harrods, SW1; Harvey Nichols, SW1; Lucienne Phillips, SW1; Pollyanna, Barnsley; Olive Walton, Birmingham; and Jane Davidson, Edinburgh.

But that very naturalness worries some people. Most designers avoid the word skin, and call it fabric. Ms Buckle believes this is wrong. "Leather is a by-product. If we did not eat meat we would not have the skins."

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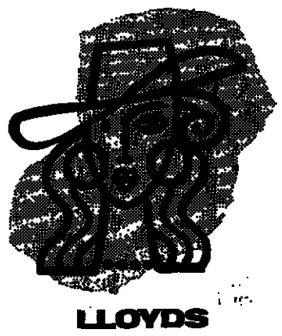


Classic: Maxfield Parrish's suede parka and jodhpurs

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Perfect curves: a sky-blue, cutaway jacket from Jean Muir's autumn/winter collection



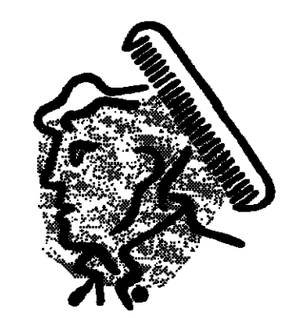
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Excess at Tiffany's?

In 1837, the year of Queen Victoria's accession to the throne, a young American named Charles Lewis Tiffany opened a fancy goods store in New York on the strength of a $1,000 loan. Within 50 years the queen was one of the 23 heads of state who patronised Tiffany & Co. Today, Tiffany and its customers seem unaware of words such as recession: expansion in Europe is proceeding at a breakneck speed, the company last year having turned over half a billion dollars.

Last week John Loring, the Tiffany design director since 1979, was sitting amid the dust and disarray of a five-storey building site spread across two 18th century buildings in Old Bond Street. From a glance at the plans it seems clear that the store, scheduled to emerge from its trade mark Tiffany Turquoise scaffolding as early as December 4, will make its near neighbour and rival, Asprey & Co, appear positively homely.

Mr Loring is a Yale graduate in his mid-forties who, as well as being a prolific designer of everything from chinaware to jewellery, is also a master printmaker, painter, writer, muralist and — word has it — a highly accomplished chef. This, by rights, should render him insufferable, but in fact Mr Loring is a affable and modest man who plays down his role in the chain of production, talking animatedly and with contagious excitement of his collaborations with the formidable array of master craftsmen at his disposal. Such self-effacement is rare, I suggest, among people in so key a position. Mr Loring disagrees. "Most assured people are modest," he says, assuredly.

Tiffany re-opened in London after a gap of more than 40 years in 1986. What is the thinking behind such bullish expansion amid the doldrums of 1991? "We have an enormous range of goods to offer and we lacked the space to present them," Mr Loring says. "London was especially targeted because it is a capital of great style."

Mr Loring acknowledges that the last thing the grander English houses need is another dinner service or an accretion of amusing and expensive trinkets, but sees nothing wrong in catering to the new rich (who have done so much for the flagship Fifth Avenue store) as well as to "the old rich who may want something new".



Atlas watch: £600 in silver

This is not to say that Tiffany goods in any way lack taste. On the contrary, the bulk of its catalogue is remarkably fine, quality of design, materials and workmanship being the common denominator throughout the ranges of jewellery, silver, watches, flatware, china, and silks. Some of the patterns date back to the last century, while others — such as Mr Loring's chunky steel and gold watch provisionally called the Tondo — are not yet in production; his clocks are restrained and classical and yet rather avant-garde, the same is true of much of the china.

The problem that Tiffany must overcome, however, is that despite the company's age, venerability and fame, the public cannot latch on to any one product that epitomises Tiffany style. Cartier has its Tank watch, Hermès its scarf, Gucci its loafers, Dunhill its lighter and Chanel its little suit: what is Tiffany's motif object? Mr Loring put forward a solitaire diamond ring "with the Tiffany six-pronged setting", but that does not stand a chance: no one has heard of it. A possibility is the Atlas watch, inspired by the clock over the entrance to the New York store.

But the truth is that the only thing people really associate with Tiffany's is *breakfast* (they will supply the crockery, but not the croissants), all because of that daft but pleasant Sixties film with Audrey Hepburn. Does this irk the Tiffany establishment? The answer, the framed and original poster, hangs on the office wall of the managing director, the Hon Rosa Monckton. Further, Hepburn contributed a fairly embarrassing, but no doubt heartfelt, introductory poem to one of Mr Loring's handsome coffee table books, *Tiffany's 150 Years*, in which she says "Class doesn't age", while also managing to quote bits of Keats. "Audrey," Mr Loring says, "has been very, very good for us."

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Genius: a gift or hard graft?

Victoria McKee reports on a remarkable insight into the minds of our most gifted children and their parents

Sixteen years after she began researching "gifted" children, and what sets them apart from their peers, Joan Freeman, a psychologist, is ready to offer her conclusions. Will parents be delighted or dismayed to learn that, in Dr Freeman's view, genius is not the prerogative of the privileged, and that a "gifted" child often requires a lot of hard work?

Dr Freeman, the president of the European Council for High Ability and an honorary lecturer at the University of London Institute of Education, has interviewed more than 200 young people and their parents "in places as different as the governor's office in a women's open prison, a brewery laboratory, the back of a taxi and the head's office in a school", she says. She visited them first when the children were aged from five to 14, to assess their potential and their parents' expectations, and then ten years later. The results will be published later this month as *Gifted Children Growing Up*.

Dr Freeman was concerned that many bright children were being prevented from fulfilling their potential because of an inadequate social structure, or school. Many parents would probably support the latter part of this theory. Karen Barton, a philosophy teacher in Swindon, Wiltshire, has decided to teach her seven-year-old daughter, Yolanda, at home this year, "because our education authority doesn't believe in acceleration, and Yolanda was finding school *mind-blowingly* boring". Yolanda, who could read at 18 months, is "into Einstein's general theory of relativity at the moment", her mother says, and reads it to her sister Portia, aged four-and-a-half. "Can you believe that her first teacher said she was 'backward'?" Mrs Barton demands.

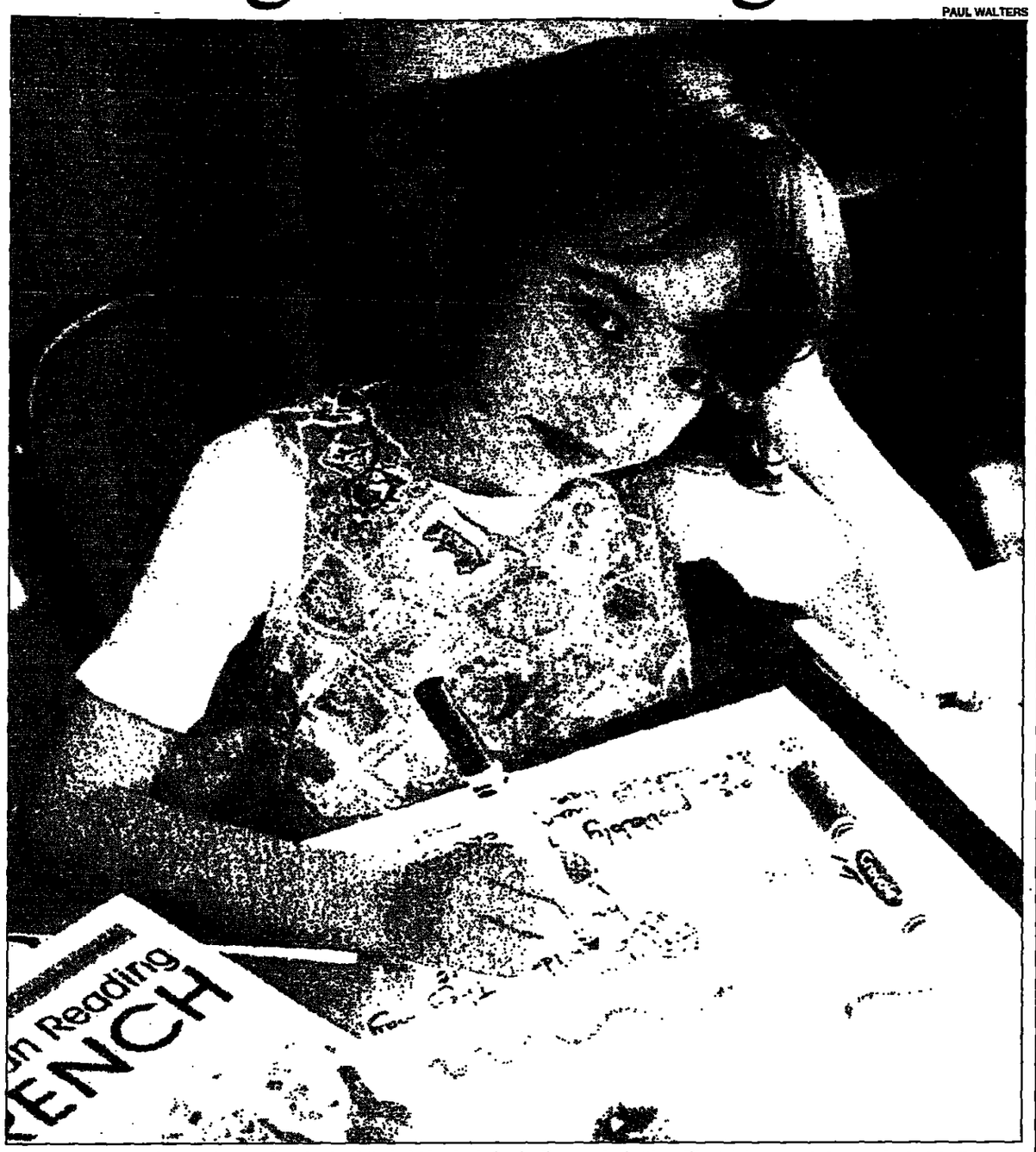
Stuart McDonald, aged 14, starts full-time next week at Itchin College, Southampton, where he will be doing double maths and physics A-levels. His mother says: "Stuart felt he had outgrown school. He used to be almost physically sick there, he was so bored."

Not all gifted children go on to become university professors like Ruth Lawrence, a research fellow at Harvard university. For example, Adrian – who was a milkman when Dr Freeman interviewed him at the age of 22 – told her: "I was amazed to pass my A-levels, because I hadn't turned up for weeks . . . Then I enrolled at the polytechnic, and left after a year by mutual consent. I'd picked the wrong course . . . Then I decided to earn some money. I was very, very lucky to get this job as a milkman . . . I've enjoyed the job a lot . . ."

Nicholas, out of work at 21 after a stint with an antiques firm and a spell in the French Foreign Legion, told her: "It wasn't that I hated school, I was bored . . . I didn't leave jobs because I didn't like them, I felt that I could have done a better job than the person above . . . I want to be somewhere at the top."

Dr Freeman feels her study gives the greatest insight available into the minds of gifted children and their parents. "This kind of work, which involves going into people's homes, is extremely time-consuming and expensive, which is why it is so rarely done," she says. "One has an instinct about what to ask, and you've got to be intelligent – which I am – and enormously aware." Dr Freeman was a gifted child, and is the mother of four children, at least two of whom, she maintains, are gifted.

PAUL WALTERS



Home work: Yolanda Barton found school "mind-blowingly boring", now she is "into Einstein's general theory of relativity"

One third of her sample of 210 were children whose parents had identified them as gifted. Each was matched with two "control" children – the first for comparable intelligence, the second taken at random, and all three from the same school.

Eighty one percent of the whole sample were then interviewed for the second stage of the study – on their own, and with their parents.

Of the "gifted" children, some were academically talented, whereas others possessed a particular talent for art or music. All were culled from the membership of the National Association for Gifted Children. Dr Freeman notes: "At that time, membership did not require any test for the children, which meant that, by the very act of joining, parents had made a clear statement of their belief in their child's high ability."

Their general intelligence was tested first with a non-verbal "pattern" test (where they had to fit the correct missing part into a pattern) and then with a detailed intelligence quotient (IQ). Dr Freeman found that those "who had been measured as having virtually identical intelligences on the pattern test scored significantly differently on the detailed IQ test". She claims that the differences were directly related to their home circumstances. She found that "a bright child living in an educationally poor environment could score the same IQ as a child of more modest abilities in a really good educational environment".

This supported her theory that it is neither nature nor nurture but a complex interaction between the two that is responsible for apparent "giftedness".

"Give or take 10 per cent, the usually accepted figures are that about 70 per cent of the variance between people in intellectual ability is due to inherited differences, and the rest to environmental effect," she says. "But for the intellectually gifted, the situation is rather different. Though their genetic endowment cannot be changed, the environmental influence on their intelligence quotient score is greater because of their extra mental power to take in and make more effective use of the information and ideas."

'The parents who had the most positive effects . . . were not those who told children what to do, but those who did it with them'

She says that the material provision the children had to learn with – books, space, musical instruments, paper and so on – and parental involvement, were more important than great expectations or parents' attitude to education. "In simple terms, it was not a very effective move for a parent to say to a child: 'Here is a book about flowers: go out and identify some.' What was effective was when a parent said: 'Let's use this book to find out the names of the flowers – together.' "

Dr Freeman, who has also written a book for parents eager to make the most of their pre-schoolers' potential *(Bright as a Button)* says that it also became clear to her that what parents did was more important than what they said. "The parents who had the most positive effects on their children's high-level development were not those who told their children what to do, but those who did it with them."

Michael Howe, of Exeter university, whose paper to the British Association on whether "genius" (a word he avoids) is more input than innate was reported in *The Times* last month, agrees with Dr Freeman and places even greater emphasis on training.

"I would stress parental involvement in the very early years: one to one interaction is extremely important. When you send children to school or classes too early it's not the same," says Professor Howe, who is the author of *The Origins of Exceptional Ability*.

Dr Freeman noticed among the differences between her target and control groups, that target mothers frequently took the greatest share of responsibility for their child's education, but both the target father and mother put greater educational pressure on their children than the parents in the other groups.

"One of the greatest surprises, and people don't believe me, was the invidious effect of social class in this country," Dr Freeman says. "The way it holds people back. One boy, his father was a lathe-turner, had gone to Manchester Grammar School and got three A grades at A-level but didn't go to university. He said: 'It's not for me. It's for them monied boys'.

"He had joined the electricity board and was digging ditches. Well, I know you're not supposed to try to influence them as a researcher, but I said, 'there are such things as scholarships', and he went on a sandwich course and came out with a first class degree."

Her study suggests that boys are "more susceptible to family discord than girls, and highly able children are probably more sensitive to it than others". And unhappy children she found, "generally achieved less well than those of the same ability who had enjoyed peace of mind". Among her many suggestions are that pupils should be offered "frequent one-to-one interviews with a specially trained teacher or counsellor; one who also keeps good contact with the parents", and that the education system should recognise that children who do well in examinations "are a particular group, with very specific mental skills, and they do not represent all gifted individuals".

● Gifted Children Growing Up, *published by Cassell on September 27 (£30 hardback, £10.95 paperback).*

● Bright as a Button, *published by Macdonald Optima next Monday (£6.99).*

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Roaming in Wyoming

Gretel Ehrlich, writer, Wyoming rancher and sometime sheep herder, shares Robert Redford's passion for the Wild West

There are not many women ranchers in Wyoming and probably only one of the few can lay claim to a Guggenheim Fellowship and membership of the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Sciences. Gretel Ehrlich is one of "the few". She lives on a cattle ranch in Shell and is a writer of novels, short stories and poems. Her work is providing a fertile source of inspiration for artists as diverse as the British choreographer Siobhan Davies and the actor-turned-director Robert Redford.

At Redford's request, Ms Ehrlich has just completed an intensive week at the Sundance studios in Montana, writing an original screenplay that exploits their mutual passion for the American mid-West. And Ms Davies, whose 1988 dance *Wyoming* was inspired by Ms Ehrlich's essays, has invited her to write a cycle of poems which, together with a score by composer John Marc Gowans, will form the soundscape for Ms Davies's new dance work.

There is a crystalline quality to Ms Ehrlich's prose; a peculiar freshness to her depiction of landscapes and experience. A Buddhist since the age of 14, Ms Ehrlich's capacity for vivid and original observation is formidable. To that must be added her highly-developed physical awareness – she trained and worked as a dancer – which has given her a particular prowess in describing space and movement, especially as they relate to landscape.

Wyoming is the doing of a mad architect, thrust up and pulled down

"In the Great Plains the vistas look like music, like Kyries of grass," she says, "but Wyoming seems to be the doing of a mad architect – tumbled and twisted, ribboned with faded deathbed colours, thrust up and pulled down as if the place had been startled out of a deep sleep and thrown into a pure light."

The distinctive qualities of Ms Ehrlich's writing are intimately bound up with her extraordinary life.

Born and brought up in California, she has consistently eschewed the conventional values of urban society and embraced instead challenging experience, which has often taken her to live among isolated communities in extreme landscapes.

Ms Ehrlich first visited Wyoming as a television producer in 1976 to film four elderly sheep herders working their way across the Big Horn mountains. While there, her long-time lover, not yet 30, died. The "concussive pain" she suffered at his death fuelled *The Solace of Open Spaces*, one of her finest collections of short essays. Now happily married, she reflects on that desolate time.

"I wrote those pieces at the loneliest period in my life," she says. "I never expect to be that lonely again. It was at a time when the possibility I'd be as fulfilled as I am now seemed inconceivable."

Ms Ehrlich decided to base herself in Wyoming where, she says, the state's "torrential beauty" exerted a healing effect.

She abandoned her television career and began to write. Much of that early work concentrates on the community she grew to know in Wyoming.

Writing and ranching have occupied Ms Ehrlich ever since. (Her latest collection of essays, *Islands, The Universe and Home*, is published by Viking Penguin next month.) There have, however, been interruptions, such as when, due to a manpower shortage, she was recruited to the job of sheep herder. She grew to love the work, though, and was terrified of failure the first day she was deposited on a mountain ridge at 5am with a mare and a border collie and told to head towards the hills where the herd of 2,000 sheep had last been seen. She discovered that sheep herding was no short-term commitment, but involved driving the flock from waterhole to waterhole, camp to camp, along a 50-mile trail.

It is Ms Ehrlich's linguistic resources that are being challenged afresh in her collaboration with Ms Davies. For the first time her words will be interwoven with music and dance in a theatrical performance entitled *Arctic Heart*, which opens in Swindon, Wiltshire, on Sunday and then the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, on September 25. This specially-commissioned sequence of poems draws on her recent travels in the Arctic Circle. "What struck me most," she says, "was how ephemeral the landscape is there, how, as the ice melts, the panorama is constantly shifting."

Like the Arctic landscape, Ms Ehrlich is unlikely ever to really settle. A self-confessed "chronic vagrant", she will always be driven to explore new territories and new art forms.

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Outdoor type: Gretel Ehrlich loves the world's wildernesses

The house that was self-built

Building your own home is growing in popularity, and can be cost-effective

Privately-built, tailor-made houses are not just for the rich or royal as the steady growth in the self-build homes market indicates. To prove that building your own home offers a cost-effective alternative to buying , a four-bedroom house will be constructed for the first time during a British consumer exhibition at next week's *Self-Build* Homes Show in London.

Tempted by average savings on developers' costs of around 30 per cent on the price of the land and building, an estimated 20,000 individuals built their own homes in Britain last year. This represents an increase of 8.5 per cent on the previous year, which compares with an overall drop of 13 per cent on homes completed by developers. The number of self-build house kit and project management companies in Britain has increased to 60, of whom 20 are exhibiting at the show.

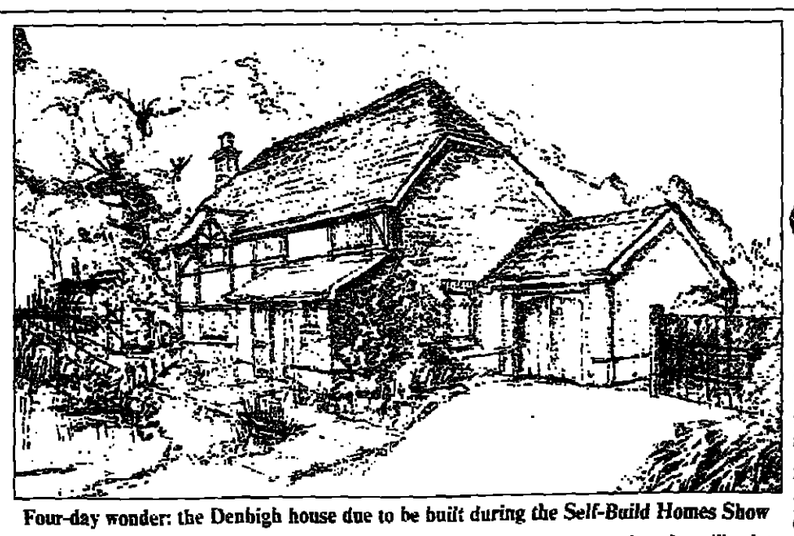
The structural shell of the *Denbigh house* supplied by Guildway, one of the UK's oldest timber-frame companies, will be erected at the start of the show. Over the next four days the brickwork, plumbing and other fittings will be installed under the auspices of Package Build Management. The house features a Trianco oil-fired central heating boiler. Other suppliers include Butterley Brick and Marley Roof Tile.

"There is a lot of hype about building your own home in Britain," says Roger Burford, Guildway's managing director. "Yet it is a way of life on the Continent and there is increasing awareness and interest in the way the French build.

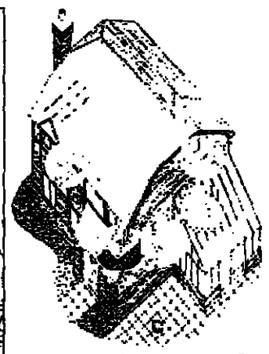
"In Britain, self-build homes appeal mainly to individuals who buy a plot, have a friendly local builder and use a range of sub-contractors. It is certainly a cost-saving exercise since there are no developer's costs or overheads and sub-contractors are quoting very competitive rates at the moment. You also end up with an energy-efficient home that's constructed to your own design."

The Denbigh structure costs around £16,000, which includes pre-glazed windows, internal doors and skirting, plasterboard and a roof without tiles. Guildway offers 30 kit designs, which it uses as starting-points for discussion and then adapts to individual requirements. The company can provide drawings for building regulations and will erect on site. It will also provide a National House-Building Council certificate, which is necessary if a mortgage is required.

Does a self-built home mean spending months on end surrounded by bricks and mortar? It can do if you wish to be physically involved, living on site for example, but in the majority of cases the larger companies, for example Scandia Hus, Hedlunds and Design and Materials, prefer to steer clients through the whole project from finance arrangement to purchasing the plot, selecting and adapting the house design, securing planning permission and sub-contracting building work to local teams.



Four-day wonder: the Denbigh house due to be built during the Self-Build Homes Show



Most people are attracted to self-build kit homes for their cost-effectiveness rather than their design. The timber framework of the designs often act as a shell, being bricked over or plaster-clad in a variety of English vernacular styles, from Georgian mansions to Victorian school houses or even modern estate-type homes.

One of Britain's smaller self-build companies, Anebyhus, is introducing four new designs at the show. Les Cherriman, an Anebyhus director, says: "Although we have a number of traditional English styles the new houses are designed in response to demand for a more Scandinavian look." The Anebyhus kits range in price from about £27,000 to £54,000.

Building your own kit home means it is possible to adapt the number and size of rooms to suit a specific lifestyle and personally choose the fittings.

Graham Calder, a dentist who built a five-bedroom split-level kit house in Sussex, warns: "It's not a project to be undertaken lightly. You've got to have real faith in what you are doing, a good sense of humour and the guts to get on with it. It was the only way I could afford to get what I wanted."

Design and Materials prepared the plans and obtained planning permission for Mr Calder's home. Throughout its construction the Calder family lived in a converted barn and portable work huts on site. Mr Calder organised a team of sub-contractors, and installed the central heating and plumbing himself. His wife decorated the exterior, his son helped with the bricklaying and a local man tackled the electrics.

Mr Calder says: "I have reasonable DIY and managerial skills. It is really a case of practical determination and common sense. A great deal of thought went into it and as the project became real we discovered things we didn't like and changed them."

The work took a year with a three-month winter break. "I don't think any of us actually enjoyed it and we came near to divorce in the Portakabins in the winter. But we now have a tremendous sense of achievement in having done it," Mr Calder says.

Having paid a sum of £157,000 outright for the plot, Mr Calder estimates that the house cost £143,000 to build with an additional £10,000 for interior fittings. It is now worth around £500,000.

NICOLE SWENGLEY

● The Self-Build Homes Show *is at the Great Hall, Alexandra Palace, London N22, September 19 to 22, Thursday, 2-6pm; Friday, 10am-8pm; Saturday and Sunday, 10am-6pm. Tickets: £5 adults; £2.50 senior citizens and children. Further details on 081-547 2080.*

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Hong Kong is more likely to take over China than vice versa

As we approach July 1, 1997 – the date of the handover of Hong Kong to China – hysteria rises, not in the colony but in Britain. The end of communism in the Soviet Union and the emergence of republics more or less independent of the Kremlin has stimulated tremors of guilt at the prospect of our allowing the Stalinist tyrants of Tiananmen Square to devour Hong Kong. Mr Major was sharply attacked for yielding to Chinese pressure to visit Peking to sign the new international Hong Kong airport agreement, as though he were Chamberlain appeasing Hitler. Suggestions that we should now dodge our obligations under the Sino-British Joint Declaration of 1984 are rife.

About half the cash for the airport will come from international bankers. If they had thought the project might be cancelled in 1997, building would not have started and the blow to Hong Kong's future prosperity would have been devastating. Peking, ever suspicious, feared that we were spending Hong Kong's reserves for the benefit of foreign traders. Mr Major behaved with dignity and resolution, his outspoken criticisms over human rights depriving the Chinese of what they thought would be a complete diplomatic victory. Yesterday, Luo Hai Xing, the Hong Kong businessman imprisoned for helping Chinese dissidents, was released. This will not lead to a rush of amnesties, but Mr Major shrewdly reminded Peking of its vulnerability, with his list of political prisoners, and that excessive harshness may lead to trading penalties.

This weekend sees the first direct elections to Hong Kong's Legislative Council for 18 out of 60 seats. In 1995, 20 seats will be directly elected, rising to 30 in 2003. This is still not enough, but Peking has not ruled out an increase in the number of directly-elected seats before 1997. Even if this does not happen, a majority of the Legislative Council will be elected by 1997, if one includes those elected by various professional and trade groups.

With Chinese overlords, the atmosphere will be different, but there are many pressures, plus the lodging of the Sino-British agreement with the United Nations, to make it tolerable. China is now the largest investor in Hong Kong, and earns half its foreign exchange through Hong Kong. Hong Kong has 60 per cent of all foreign investment in China, and is China's largest trading partner and largest market. The old gentlemen in Peking would be amazingly foolish to wreck Hong Kong's commercial structure. Hong Kong is more likely to take over China than vice versa. Just over the border, in Guangdong Province, nearly 12,000 Hong Kong companies already employ more than two million Chinese.

However, it is unwise to believe that if there were free elections in China the reasonably fed multitudes of Chinese peasants would not overwhelmingly vote for Peking's rulers. But this will change as China becomes more Westernised. We have nothing to be ashamed of, except perhaps forcing China to cede a few fishing villages in 1841 as a result of the first Opium War. Since then, Hong Kong has become the world's 11th biggest trading entity. We should not discourage Hong Kongers by horror stories unlikely to prove true; we should encourage them to grasp a glittering future. We will still have influence there, and the power to cause uproar if China reneges on its agreement to keep Hong Kong as it is for at least 50 years. There was never a hope of retaining Hong Kong as a British colony, nor that partial transition of power in the run-up to 1997 could be avoided.

Janet Daley is astonished at the fuss surrounding the sale of valuable heirlooms from Althorp House

Selling the silver spoon

It's just like Jane Austen. The kindly but feeble widowed Earl marries beneath him. Or, so his children think. His new wife, with her vulgar tastes and a ruthless way with family heirlooms, is said to be not only flogging the treasures which they expected to inherit, but cutting down the great estate itself by allowing its cottages to be sold. That, at least, is what the juicier bits of gossip – denied yesterday – suggest about the family of the Princess of Wales.

Jane Austen, of course, would have had no difficulty taking sides on this one. For her, being of gentle birth and upholding the rights of one's peers to their inherited cultural baggage, was tantamount to defending civilisation. The occasional upstart could be tolerated provided that he (or, more rarely, she) fell in with the priorities of his betters.

Unless you have an ideology which permits categorical judgments about these things, you are likely to be rather less sure where you stand. I can sympathise with the Spencer offspring leafing frantically through the upper-class version of *Exchange and Mart* to see which is the latest geegaw to pass out of their hands. But, having grown up in the United States, I do find my democratic hackles rising at this this sort of privileged pantomime, which should have vanished ages ago. That it survives – that the British countryside is still littered with stately piles occupied by descendants of their original founders – owes something to the help of the National Trust, that great benefactor of distressed aristocrats.

One of the moral complications of hereditary wealth is its role in keeping our cultural heritage alive. Most of us would be loathe to see the great country houses fall into disuse as homes. To prevent them becoming lifeless museums, we are beguiled into maintaining their owners in the style to which they have become accustomed. (Not that the Spencers are receiving any subsidy – which may be why they are auctioning the silver.)



Lord and Lady Spencer: said to be auctioning the estate

More directly, the amazing survival of the British landed class is due to the custom of primogeniture. Having the entire estate pass to the eldest male heir has guaranteed that title and property are not separated, and that accumulated wealth remains intact rather than being dispersed. Thus, however large the family, the house with its antiques and the land with its tenants remain together, a single entity. Depending on your politics, this makes for either an invincible atavism or a reassuring continuity. In France, where it is customary to divide estates equally among the children, social prestige is no longer identified with rural acreage and great houses.

The social gaucherie of the self-made – of having new furniture and jewels, of being sullied by commerce – has never died in these islands, largely because of the persistence of a landed upper class whose values have never been superseded.

Resentment of those who inherit great wealth may be nearly universal, but our attitudes change when it comes to the fruits of more modest prosperity. The passing on of enormous estates and titles strikes us as unjust, but we believe we have a fundamental right to leave our own money and possessions to our children. Indeed, any political party which publicly toys with taking away that right brings down outraged accusations of totalitarianism.

Mrs Thatcher always argued fervently that people should be encouraged to work harder, not only to improve their own lives, but to secure the future of their children. Council-house sales were popular, because people felt that a lifetime spent caring for a home earnt them the right to pass it on to their descendants.

Some would argue that there was a contradiction in this insistence on the right to bequeath wealth when the dominant Thatcherite theme was self-help. But this is to misunderstand what Mrs Thatcher meant by personal responsibility. The doctrine of self-reliance does not mean that everyone has to start from scratch in every generation. Without the right to pass on the benefits of one's hard work, there would be much less incentive to succeed.

But by offering more opportunity to create and bequeath wealth, are we simply enlarging a inheriting class whose indolent ethos has damaged our attitude to work? Will the children of the new bourgeoisie, with their manses in Essex and the invested profits from their garage businesses, simply degenerate into a pseudo-aristocracy?

Indeed they may, but it need not be so. In America, where wealth is much more common than here, the children of millionaires are expected to work for a living like everyone else. They may go into the family business or into the professions, but even the richest of my university friends expected to work after graduation. Not to earn one's own keep was to be a "drop-out", a scrounge or a bum.

During his presidential campaign, *nothing counted* so much against John Kennedy as the fact that his father had given him a personal fortune so that he could devote his life to politics without working. What is commonplace here – a politician with a private income – was considered scandalous in America. And this was not because the freedom to be idle was envied – most ordinary people in America would not find idleness enviable – but because not having to work was seen as being an unreal existence, a form of permanent immaturity.

Inheritance is not damaging. What matters is that people do not feel that along with the money, they have inherited innate superiority.

Siren voices from the pulpit

Archdeacon Austin's call for a schism could lead to a witch-hunt in the Church, warns Edward Norman

The division, disruption and consequent demise of the Church of England has been predicted by observers both within its ranks and outside, ever since it came into its present form in the 16th century. It has proved tougher than they thought. But even to institutions which are protected by class solidarity, by the constitutional apparatus of the state, by the lethargic acceptance of the public, and even, one hopes, by truth, there comes a limit. The Church of England is the astonishing survival of centuries of accommodations and compromises: it is perhaps ideally suited to a people who are ideologically inept, and its existence defines a number of negative considerations – it is loved for its very imprecision about formulas of faith which have elsewhere wrought havoc among the compromisers.

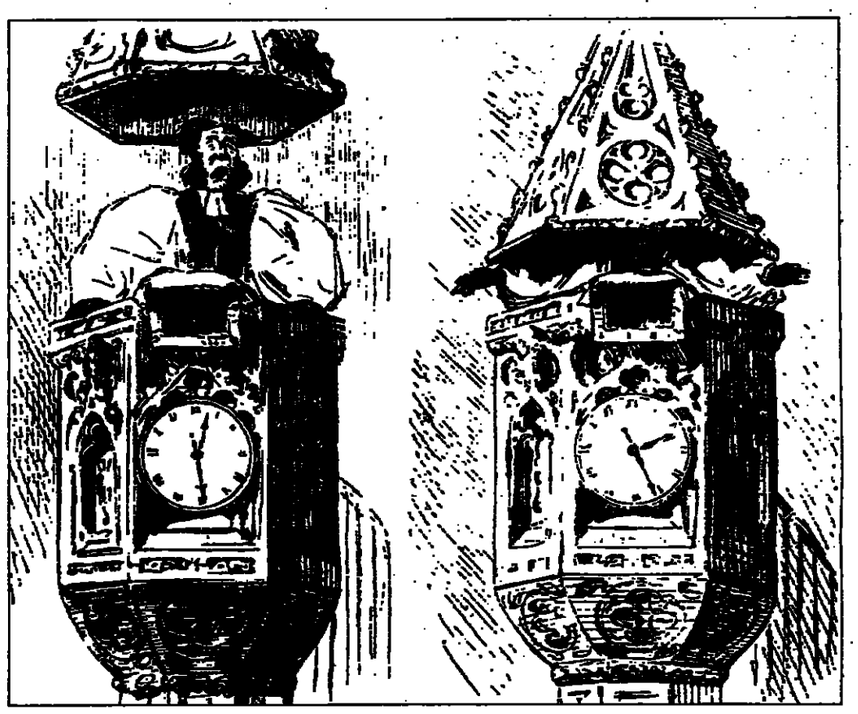
But the prospect of a further round of internal divisions is not to be welcomed. The four steps to a cutting up of the whole enterprise into two de facto separate churches, raised in Archdeacon George Austin's York sermon on Sunday, would have the effect of intruding ideological inquisition into every parish and ecclesiastical institution in the land.

If the Church of England were in a more resilient mood, or if there were a genuine taste for theological speculation among its members, things might just scrape by; but the reality is a church which is largely demoralised in all those parts of its being that are not currently responding to the Evangelical revival, and a public which tends to regard the church's benign inconsequence as no longer a matter of crucial national debate.

It is easy to understand Archdeacon Austin's frustration. On the one hand there is Christian truth, founded upon dogmatic Revelation, and delivered forever to a "people of God" whose existence in the world needs distinct recognition and assured self-identity. On the other hand there is the Church of England – an institution which is quite frankly worldly, in the sense that its leaders define their understanding of Christianity according to an agenda of moral and social concern which appears to differ in no important particulars from the material agenda of the secular intelligentsia.

This is an age in which "the spiritual" is frequently misunderstood. Church leaders confuse the spiritual with the moral (often, indeed, using the words interchangeably), and their impatience with spiritual formation, when the world is concerned with great issues of morality, is undisguised. Their charges are urged not to dwell on the cultivation of individual spiritual understanding, but to involve themselves with the issues of justice and peace: issues doubtless important enough in themselves, but not the substance of spirituality.

Similarly, the word spiritual is now commonly applied to describe quite plainly material aspects of personality, or to promote musical or artistic accomplishments, as if they too were evidences of spirituality. The Anglican leadership is second to nobody in understanding "the spiritual" in this way. Thus the church accommodates the priorities of the age as they come along, in the guise of "higher" pursuits.



A Church for troublemakers: Punch's way of silencing turbulent priests last century

Austin sees these leaders as a bunch of "liberals", giving one another all the important posts and excluding those who do not fit. In his interpretation, the excluded are "traditionalists". In practice this may often be the result, but not because of any wilful desire to discriminate against the traditionalists. To the extent that the "liberals" really are liberal, they seek to perpetuate a balanced church, including people who interpret Christianity in various ways. To the extent that the "liberals" are actually engaged in a conspiracy of exclusion, they are not very successful, since their own internal divisions do not allow a coherent policy of appointments on ideological grounds.

Traditionalists are often denied promotion in the church not because they are traditionalists or conservatives, but because they are controversial. The leaders of the church are great compromisers, who cannot countenance rocking of the boat. Sawing it in half has even less appeal.

Depicting the church as a polarity of "liberals" and "traditionalists" is unhelpful and unrealistic. In some areas, the church has necessarily to adapt its representation of truth to the intellectual categories of the era, and in others it has a duty to declare the immutability of its doctrines. Critics should notice that the problem with the existing leadership is not that it is trying to do the wrong things, but that it does not do them very well. In their enthusiasm to acclaim the insights of the contemporary – no bad thing in itself – church leaders have mixed up the issues, and in doing so have failed to recognise their transience.

Christian truth is delivered in two ways. First, it comes as doctrine: clear revelations given by Christ and developed by the people to whom he entrusted them. These relate to the nature of God and to the inherent corruptions of his creatures. Secondly it comes as moral teaching: the application of Christian truth to the world of human social exchange, and as this is a world continually changing, the application of Christian truth also requires constant adaptation.

It is to be hoped that, bar the odd theological remnant of 1960s intellectual philandering, the leaders of the church and its members are in agreement about the immutability of doctrine. The divisions are about the moral applications in the world, and this is where the worldly so easily leaks into discussions. The trouble here, and the reason why Archdeacon Austin's imagined division would not work, is that those who are "traditionalist" about one issue are often "liberal" about another.

It is a matter of record, for example, that some who subscribe to the Catholic tradition also favour the ordination of women, and that many who call themselves "liberal" did not show themselves to be particularly open to contemporary insights when they came to discuss, as the Church of England always seems to be coming to discuss, the question of homosexuality.

The leadership of the church is no more and no less effective than the leadership of the other important institutions. This is because it is of the same manufacture. It shares the horror of critical thought that the "safe men" have always demonstrated. Yet truth is advanced by testing and by questioning. Without controversy there is stagnation. What the Archdeacon has correctly noticed is that the "safe men" run the church as they nearly always have done. But this has never prevented the prophets and the critics from telling them where to get off.

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...and moreover

Craig Brown

I trundled into our village shop. The bell on the door issued its merry tring.

"Hello and welcome," said the butcher. "Could I go straight into the first question please from the man with the blue shirt, Sir?"

"Do you mean me?" I said.

"Yes, sir, you sir, you in the blue shirt. Your first question, please!" He looked at his notes. "Something about mince, I believe."

It was odd. Normally, he just says, "What can I get you?" I was not used to this new, pacy delivery.

"Could I have a couple of lamb chops, please?" I said.

The butcher looked again at his notes, and then back to me. There was a tinge of irritation in his voice. "I was expecting a question about mince. You don't have a question about mince?"

I shook my head. "No," I said, "I just wondered if I could possibly have a couple of lamb chops."

"Fine," said the butcher. He turned to his staff behind the counter, two on either side of him. "The gentleman wants to know whether he can have two lamb chops. If I could turn to you, Geoffrey, where do you stand on this?"

The butcher's assistant, Geoff, then began a long dissertation on the rights and wrongs of giving me a couple of lamb chops, going on to discuss what price would be fair both to the customer and to the retail trade, and rounding it all off with a more general discussion on the pros and cons of high-intensity farming.

"Thank you Geoffrey," said the butcher, clicking his biro. "That certainly raises a number of points which the rest of the panel will, I am sure, wish to comment on! Pamela?"

Pam, in charge of fruit and veg, looked confident. "With the greatest respect to Geoffrey," she replied, "I'm afraid he once again sidestepped the real issues. What the gentleman in the blue shirt wanted to know was, could he have a couple of lamb chops? Now this raises all sorts of fundamental points which I'd like to answer in three separate stages. First . . ."

While Pam tackled the problems of meat imports being directly linked to the balance of payments in a time of recession, I leant over to a fellow-shopper and asked her in a hushed voice what on earth was happening.

"It's the BBC *Question Time*," she explained. "It's back on our screens this week. Its influence is everywhere. Sex and violence I can take, but lively debate on matters of topical interest that really gets on my wick. You can't go anywhere these days without being faced with lively debate on matters of topical interest, and it's corrupting our children. Have you seen them in the sweet shop? Kids of five or six arguing about proportional representation! I don't know where it'll end, I really don't!"

While the third panellist, Frank from soft drinks and beverages, launched into a bitter condemnation of Pamela's "downright evasiveness" on the question of European Community restrictive practices regarding lamb products, it dawned on me that my lamb chops wouldn't be arriving for quite a while, so I popped outside for some fresh air.

The vicar was bicycling past.

"Morning vicar," I trilled, "lovely day, isn't it?"

"That's an urgent question facing every man, woman and child in this great country of ours," he replied, coming to a halt. "And I'd like to answer it absolutely frankly, if I may. First of all, let me make it perfectly clear that while the day is, indeed lovely, *per se* . . ."

"I'm sorry, I'm very sorry, but I really can't let that last statement go unchecked, I'm sorry but I can't." It was the postman. "Let's not mince words. The day may look very lovely to you but for all sorts of ordinary decent folk the length and breadth of the country it's not a lovely day at all, not at all."

How I yearn for the days before lively debate on matters of topical interest gained its grip on our village. Alas, I fear there is no turning back. On Sunday, I noticed a microphone on a hand-held boom above my head as I walked into church. Today, even the ducks on the village pond were beginning to demand their own swivel-chairs. "Where will it all end?" I asked our dustman. "I'm glad you asked me that," he replied. He's been weighing up the options ever since.

Diary

Still secret society

WITH the KGB boasting on the letters pages of this newspaper and others that it is now more open to public scrutiny than MI5 and MI6, Whitehall has the perfect opportunity to introduce a little glasnost of its own. The Public Records Office confirmed yesterday that the unwritten rule which exempts security service documents from publication under the 30-year rule comes up for review next year. With the Cold War a thing of the past, pressure is growing on ministers to release sensitive documents that have previously been classified.

The ban on the release of any information was imposed in 1967 under the Public Records Act, which reduced the period of disclosure of other government records from 50 to 30 years. That the ban existed was only publicly confirmed ten years later in a debate in the House of Lords in 1977 by the then Labour Lord Chancellor, Lord Elwyn-Jones. He admitted the assurance had been given privately to the heads of the security services.

Chapman Pincher, the veteran spy-writer, says: "MI5 and MI6 will argue that once you start giving way there will be no end to it. They are right. The ban should stay. It is the only way to give an absolute assurance to people who engage in espionage activities that their identities will never be revealed. People should not be fooled by the KGB's apparent openness. They only tell us what they want us to know."

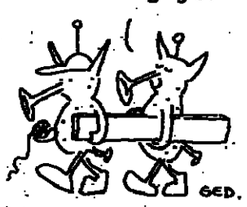
Lord Denning, who was the chairman of the advisory council on public records when the ban was imposed, says: "The ban should be reimposed for a minimum of 100 years, although if the KGB says it has nothing to hide we should publish everything we have got on their spying activities in the West. They would soon retreat back behind the Kremlin."

A Tory government is likely to be sympathetic to such a view although Labour detects a whiff of hypocrisy. "We will bring the security services inside our freedom of information act. Their documents would be published unless they could show very good reasons why they should remain secret," said Roy Hattersley's office yesterday.

● *With characteristic timing – that is to say just too late – the Soviet toy industry has produced a new board game called "Bringing in the harvest". With crops from apples to grain expected to be well down on last year, the idea of producing one's very own five-year plan is a laudable one, and probably has just as much chance of success as the old Kremlin model. "Bringing in the harvest", the instructions declare, "is not a game of skill but of chance". How true.*

Stockpiles, hayricks

LONDON'S most famous occult bookshop, Waktins, is having no truck with the Southampton hoaxsters who confessed to newspapers yesterday that they were responsible for the mystery of the corn circles. "The newspapers are full of lies," said an angry spokesman for the shop, which specialises in books on magic, astrology and psychic phenomena. The enigma remains, insists the shop. So, too, will its window display, erected last week, of books



on crop circles, explaining the phenomenon by reference to aliens from outer space, energy currents and other causes far more plausible than two men with a ball of string, an old baseball cap and 4 ft wooden plinths.

Facade as backdrop

SADLER'S WELLS' decision to use the designs from Sir Frederick Ashton's *Facade* to commemorate the life of Dame Margot Fonteyn has not been entirely welcomed by the dancer's friends. Patricia Foy, who produced several television programmes with Fonteyn, says: "*Facade* was such a tiny part of Margot's repertoire. It just had small parts and she did it as a bit of fun. The ballet doesn't epitomise her life at all. She should be remembered for far more important roles in *Giselle* and *Sleeping Beauty*."

The designs have been removed from the stage and will be adopted as a backdrop to the theatre's upper circle bar. If Fonteyn's many fans are not happy about the tribute, those patronising the bar in the interval may be equally put out by the garish riot of colour of Matisse-like nudes, twisting ivy and sailing boats which will replace the previously sombre black.

Torytours Ltd

JOHN MAJOR expressed all the proper reservations on his recent visit to China, but it seems they are not shared by Tory central office. The party headquarters has entered the travel business for the first time, by running a 10-day trip to Peking to raise funds for its general election campaign. The trip is advertised in Conservative *Newsline*, which declares: "We are delighted to announce that *Newsline* has teamed up with group travel specialists Page & Moy to bring you an exceptionally good value ten-night holiday to China." And "yes, there will be plenty of time to see Tiananmen Square," the travel company said yesterday.

The expatriate Hong Kong community in London is not impressed. Dominic Lee, deputy chairman of the Hong Kong executive club, says: "How can John Major condemn human rights in China on one hand and on the other sanction his party raising funds by ble standards."

Tories seem equally sceptical. Despite a bargain price of less than £800 for the ten days, to date there has not been a single reservation for the December trip.

● *As part of its drive to win the support of electors overseas, Tory to Lady Chitnis, wife of the Liberal Democrat peer. Clearly the egalitarian conversion of the Tory party is now complete. The letter is addressed to "Ms Chitnis (Lady)".*

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DIVIDING EUROPE

The European Community is acting the fool over Eastern Europe. The trouble lies not with strategy, but with ministers' failure to follow through. They have pledged themselves to end the postwar division of the Continent and stressed the connection between free markets and democracy. Yet their trade policies are perpetuating this division.

During and since the abortive coup in the Soviet Union, EC members multiplied their moral, financial and political commitments to Eastern Europe, from the Baltic republics to Albania. Frans Andriessen, the EC commissioner for external affairs, rightly says that the EC must start preparing now for a future community of 24 or more members, and "cannot separate the deepening of the EC from its enlargement".

Practice is another matter. When it comes to spending taxpayers' money the EC is generous, providing nearly four-fifths of the foreign aid committed to Eastern Europe. This aid is explicitly intended to assist these countries make the tough transition to free markets. Yet the EC maintains protectionist barriers against their exports. The fault lies with the cowardice of national ministers in confronting protectionist lobbies at home.

The EC's foreign ministers have again deferred agreement on the most immediate practical step they could take: lowering trade barriers to Polish, Hungarian and Czechoslovak exports. In disgust, Poland yesterday called off talks until the EC makes a serious offer. Poland is a competitive veal exporter and has cause to feel aggrieved. Last April, the EC abruptly halved the veal import quota from Eastern Europe. Now President Mitterrand, ever prodigal with rhetoric about "solidarity", has allowed his beef farmers' lobby to block the entire trade package, to prevent beef imports which next year would have amounted to a mere 0.008 per cent of EC consumption.

Set against what should be the objective, a pan-European free trade area before 2000, this deadlock puts in question the good faith and common sense of the Community as a whole. What is worse, France proposes instead to use taxpayers' money to help the Eastern Europeans dump their farm produce in the Soviet Union, in effect extending the evils of the common agricultural policy to Eastern Europe. The EC is already aiding Hungary's farmers to produce pork which it refuses to buy. The CAP has done enough damage to EC consumers without allowing it to sabotage agricultural reform elsewhere.

If Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union are to develop their economies, they need market access for the farm produce, steel, coal and textiles in which they can best compete. What use are EC loans to promote Western private investment in East Europe if investors cannot be confident that the EC will allow in the products of this investment?

Europeans should remember their history. In the 1930s, protectionism deepened the economic depression which fed nationalist extremism and plunged the world into war. West Europe's postwar economic recovery was largely due to the remarkable expansion and liberalisation of trade and finance in the 1950s and 1960s. The EC is acting like the trade "fortress" it indignantly denies being. Last week's defence of farm protectionism is holding back East European recovery on two fronts. The denial of bilateral trade kicks down the newly liberal economies just when they are picking themselves up. For good measure, farm protectionism undermines the liberalisation of the whole postwar trading system by blocking the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations.

Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia should get their agreements forthwith, as promissory notes on the road to a "Community of 24". Economics ministers from the Soviet republics are due in Brussels this week. They will look for more than empty promises. A special EC summit is planned next month to consider the plight of the Soviet people with talks of a "grand bargain" in the air. The EC already has a "grand bargain" it should offer: a success for the Uruguay Round. The agenda for a new Europe is there. But will the French stop haggling over a few tons of beef?

WAYS OF PARTNERSHIP

"Oh, the farmer and the cowman should be friends," they sang in *Oklahoma!* as the two rivals fought for land use in the old West. So surely should the farmer and the rambler in modern Britain. Farmers see their present living from arable and livestock diminish in the face of agricultural reform. Wise ones know that their future depends not on taking their produce to town but on bringing the town into the countryside. They must adapt the countryside to the demands made on it by townspeople. The ramblers are the outriders of this new leisure market economy.

The Country Landowners' Association acknowledged this yesterday by suggesting new agreements on the most vexed matter dividing them from these new land users, that of rights of way. The association wants to see formal local consultation on footpaths, the drawing of definitive maps by the year 2000 and some changes in the law governing rights of way. These would include ending the automatic creation of a right after 20 years of regular use. "Access without conflict" is the message.

Many landowners complain there are simply too many paths in Britain, their routes reflecting ancient rights of access to churchyards or footways to lost villages and farms. One field can have half a dozen legal rights of way across it, encouraging walkers to stray onto crops and disturb stock and wildlife. Undoubtedly some intrude on private property, and many rights of way marked on the Ordnance Survey's excellent *Pathfinder maps* seem redundant. Others should be diverted with less cumbersome legal procedures than at present.

Ramblers have in the past been militant. They saw these rights of way so often blocked that "trespass", and a determination to oppose any closure, was the only resistance. In response to yesterday's proposals, the Ramblers' Association wants more vigorous disciplinary action against owners who obstruct legal footpaths, and wider rights of access to open moorland. But it is clear that the two sides are less confrontational than in the past.

Country landowners have a shared long-term interest with all countryside users, and especially with ramblers. Sensible ramblers know that the country will only be preserved and accessible if it pays. They are not destructive. They do not want country overrun with motorbikes, coated with tarmac for car parks, blighted with lakeland speedboats or suburbanised with golf courses and leisure centres. Walking is the least damaging form of country exercise, less so even than horse-riding. But maintaining the country costs money.

Footpaths are among the glories of Britain, ancient utilities sometimes ante-dating even Roman roads. There is a fragmentary network of long-distance paths sponsored by the Countryside Commission and counties, though nothing to rival the *grandes randonnées* of France. But even the main paths are often in disrepair, inaccessible and poorly waymarked. It is usually poor waymarking that leads to crop damage and trespass.

Landowners should exploit their footpaths. From the trust-the-visitor pay boxes of the National Trust to the fully-fledged commercialism of the catering and tourist trade, town must pay for country. Ramblers must accept that their historic rights need not just common law but a prosperous rural economy to protect them. If this prosperity is not to come from farm support, then it must come from other sources. The countryside, protected and maintained, will not come free.

LEST WE FORGET

With penury and anarchy knocking at the door, citizens of the former Soviet Union may be excused their contempt for mere statues. Their instinct is to pull down the grossest of these symbols and cart them off to the nearest scrap-yard or rubbish tip, a physical and mental clearing of the decks before tackling the future. One monumental Lenin in Moscow has been smashed to fragments for mantelpiece souvenirs, though an effort to dynamite him out of the centre of Kiev was abandoned when his foundations were discovered to be entwined with those of an underground station.

Statues are public signs. There was no better symbol of the August revolution in Moscow than a municipal crane gingerly lowering Dzerzhinsky to the horizontal, with the crowd kept behind barriers by men in workmen's helmets – a triumph of public safety over ideology. When the IRA tried to blow up Nelson's statue in Dublin, the incompetence of the attempt was a symbolic failure of militant republicanism that Dubliners still joke about. Napoleon was torn down in the Place Vendôme during the Paris Commune in 1871. After the "bourgeois" restoration, the painter Courbet was sent a bill for 300,000 francs for aiding and abetting the escapade.

Neither Nelson nor Napoleon has been forgotten, however, and those attacks on their stone effigies make the perpetrators now seem ridiculous. Like Queen Victoria, of whom somebody has counted 126 statues in parts of the world she no longer rules, Lenin, Dzerzhinsky and Brezhnev are all now part of history. Their statues should not tower intimidatingly over the populace, but neither can the period they represented be wished into non-existence.

As statues are demolished, churches reopened, state buildings reassigned and files sealed, some graphic record of the communist epoch needs to be preserved. Until recently it was humorously if tastelessly suggested that Albania should be kept going as a tourist museum of Stalinism. Now that rioting Albanians have publicly burned the books of Enver Hoxha, there will have to be actual museums instead. Samples of public statuary, in all their triumphal ugliness, would make excellent if ironic museum centrepieces.

Already the first of the Siberian gulags has been opened as a tourist attraction, with Americans flying straight from Alaska among the first visitors. In St Petersburg (legally still Leningrad until October 1) new exhibits in the Museum of the Great October Socialist Revolution depict the struggle for civil rights in Russia under the commissars as well as under the tsars. If they are wise, future generations in St Petersburg will value the revolutionary museum and its contents as a reminder of the lies told to their parents.

Few relics of the nazi era are more telling – or more chilling – than its posters, pamphlets and petty regulations of everyday life. Half a century on, others may say the same of communism. Stalin falsified history by having Trotsky painted out of group photographs. The democratic successors of Soviet communism should not obliterate too much of what went before. One day they will profit from preserving the memory: profit in more senses than one.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Need for tougher restrictions on bail

From his Honour Judge Mott

Sir, Your recent report of the significant volume of crime committed by offenders on bail ("Bail bandits under scrutiny", August 31) confirms my view that, in a large number of cases, the criminal justice system is failing to give the public the protection which it requires. I often see defendants who have been rebailed and have reoffended several times before they reach me.

Because of the presumption of innocence, and because we are conscious that some people charged with offences are in the end found not guilty, there is rightly a presumption in favour of bail; a case has to be made out for its refusal. But nothing in the Bail Act requires defendants who are demonstrably likely to reoffend on bail to be given it.

That is what is happening at the moment. When we run a substantially increased risk of being burgled or having our cars stolen because of the courts' bail decisions, there is something badly wrong.

Magistrates who imagine that the Bail Act is more restrictive of the use of custody than it actually is may be in part to blame. However, it is common in my experience to find defendants repeatedly bailed by the police straight from the station when they could and should have been put before a court at once, with an objection to bail by the Crown Prosecution Service (or at least a request for the most stringent conditions).

I also believe that magistrates are quite often told by the CPS that there is no objection to bail, when there ought to be. It is hard for them to take a different line in such cases.

Indulgent bail decisions are self-defeating. Offending on bail is an aggravation; it is likely to result in a custodial sentence longer than would otherwise have been imposed or which might not have been imposed at all.

Courts have a clear duty to ensure, as far as they reasonably can, that defendants waiting for their cases to be dealt with do not commit crime. The public should be aware that they run a considerable risk of falling victim to an offender on bail, so that they can ask themselves if the price which they are being asked to pay for the present liberal approach is too high.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MOTT,
Crown Court,
Shirehall, Worcester.
September 2.

From Mr C. H. Moiser

Sir, It is generally accepted that 40 per cent of serious offences are committed by those on bail. If research were conducted to ascertain the number of offenders sentenced to imprisonment or detention who are already on a court sentence within the community, that figure would exceed 50 per cent in certain areas.

I am convinced that the Bail Act needs immediate amendment to give courts greater discretion to remand in custody. The views of the police should be taken on applications for bail, rather than the views of individual crown prosecutors (which are as interesting as they are varied).

All the current restrictions on the use of custodial sentences need to be removed, giving courts full discretion, and the Criminal Justice Act 1991, with its further restrictions on courts' sentencing powers, should be scrapped. If that act is brought into force in October next year, as is forecast, the crime rate will, I believe, further double in five years.

The courts, crown courts in particular, have been so brainwashed by the government into not passing custodial sentences that some of the most flagrant offences result in offenders being left within the community, further to commit offences against decent people.

It is obviously the same group, or a large part of it, which commits offences whilst on bail, and which commits offences whilst on probation/community service. This is a serious situation: the government needs to act; there is no reason why it cannot act quickly.

Yours sincerely,
CLIFF MOISER
(Magistrates' clerk),
Plymouth Magistrates' Court,
St Andrew Street,
Plymouth, Devon.
September 5.

Place of nutrients in healthy eating

From Sir Francis Avery Jones

Sir, The Department of Health has recently published a report, "Dietary Reference Values for Food Energy and Nutrients for the United Kingdom", which is an invaluable contribution to the debate on food and health (letters, September 3). It redefines our dietary needs, assesses current nutritional controversies, gives detailed information about the 13 vitamins and ten trace elements (the micro-nutrients) as well as other important nutrients.

The micro-nutrients are the "lubricants" for the thousands of enzyme chemical reactions which affect every cell in the body and sustain life. It is their availability which makes all the difference between feeling below par or on top of the world, ensuring vitality and extra energy.

They determine the strength of our defence against infections, almost certainly inhibit the damage by excess fat to the coronary arteries in the heart and are now thought to arrest early pre-cancer changes. They go far in promoting good health.

Although widely present they are concentrated in relatively few groups of food but particularly in fibre-rich whole foods; whole-grain cereals, green leafy vegetables, with yellow and red ones and pulses being specially protective, fruit, nuts, oils from many vegetable seeds, some dairy products, fish and a few meat products.

May I reiterate my plea in a letter you published on October 11, 1990, for reviving the former Ministry of Food campaign for "protective foods" introduced 51 years ago. It was a brilliantly orchestrated and successful campaign, coinciding with a sharp fall in mortality at all ages.

The details then seem uncannily up-to-date today but the 16 nutrients discovered since are all present in the same groups. A campaign for more health-promoting, protective foods within our daily diet would benefit everyone and meet the prenatal needs mentioned by Professor Michael Crawford (September 4).

It could be complementary to the present campaign for reducing fat consumption, which is having so little effect; indeed after a decade more people are becoming overweight and the epidemic of coronary heart disease has been only slightly dented. However, if we double the national intake of vegetables and fruit, which I suspect may be appropriate and enjoyable, there should be less scope for the unwitting over-consumption of hidden fat in processed foods.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS AVERY JONES,
Mill House, Nutbourne,
Pulborough, West Sussex.
September 4.

From the Chief Medical Officer

Sir, Mr Alan Morris (September 3) will be pleased to hear that the old recommended daily allowances have indeed been reviewed in the recent report by the Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy.

Far from being derived from our current eating habits, and being revised to fit in with them, the report's figures are a scientific assessment of people's biological need for nutrients, and provide our benchmark against which we can assess whether the national diet is or is not adequate.

Happily, in Britain there is a minimal risk of vitamin or mineral deficiency, and so while people may take multi-vitamins if they wish, there are only a few circumstances where they are medically recommended.

The government and Health Education Authority are currently translating the report's scientific findings into day-to-day practical guidance for consumers.

Yours sincerely,
DONALD ACHESON,
Department of Health,
Richmond House,
79 Whitehall, SW1.
September 4.

Football for free

From Mrs Edwina Currie, MP for Derbyshire South (Conservative)

Sir, Your article by Douglas Broom (September 9) concerning the new improved image of Labour councillors did not ring any bells in Derbyshire.

I think you should be aware of what Derbyshire County Council is up to now, as outlined in one of its press releases, dated September 6.

Up to 2,000 Derbyshire soccer fans will have free admission to Derby County's match on Saturday, September 21, entirely on a "first come, first served" basis. The only qualification is a Derbyshire concessionary travel pass or a UB40.

In fact, the press release indicates that the scheme will operate at a total of 12 matches during the current season, and that similar ventures will also apply at 1991-2 matches for Chesterfield FC and for non-league Matlock Town.

This is at a time when Derbyshire is closing libraries, sacking teachers, refusing services to my disabled constituents, and when our schools are in a generally deplorable and dilapidated state. To all enquiries on subjects such as these, and many others, Derbyshire County Council tells me that it is short of funds because of the pressure of potential capping by the government.

Now we know where some of the money goes.

Yours sincerely,
EDWINA CURRIE,
House of Commons.
September 9.

Miners' lamps

From Mr Kenneth Werrell

Sir, The most famous miners' safety lamp (letter, September 6) was invented by Sir Humphry Davy of this town, who gave his rights to his invention to the nation for the benefit of all miners.

On Dr Cashman's proposal (August 31), Tyneside miners were much more likely to be called "Humphries" than "Geordies".

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH WERRELL,
The End House,
Foster Place, New Street,
Penzance, Cornwall.
September 6.

Priest's resignation

From the Reverend Christopher Bryant

Sir, I am not a truculent priest, as you suggest (Diary, August 26), as I did not summarily leave my post without notifying my bishop. In fact, I started my job as Labour party agent in the constituency of Holborn and St Pancras with a generous reference and warm congratulations from him.

I may not, I suspect, be the first turbulent priest in the land.

Yours in faith,
CHRIS BRYANT,
133 Shepherdess Walk, N1.
August 27.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number – (071 782 5046).

Discretionary grants

From Mrs Gwyneth Scott-Malden

Sir, I hope that David Tytler's report (September 6) describing the plight of a Royal Academy of Dramatic Art student who failed to obtain a local education authority discretionary grant will draw national attention to the problems relating to the funding of all students wishing to train in the field of the performing arts.

I write not only as an involved parent but as a recent member of an LEA committee responsible for the special education of school-age pupils gifted in dance and drama.

A working party should surely be commissioned urgently to propose a more sensible system of funding in this area of higher education.

The group might be chaired by the minister for the arts, and membership should include colleges with an international reputation such as Rada and the Royal Ballet School, the Arts Council, the LEAs, the relevant government departments and Equity. The present arrangements cannot be allowed to continue.

Yours faithfully,
GWYNETH SCOTT-MALDEN,
3 Elm Grove Cottages,
Elm Grove Lane,
Steyning,
West Sussex.
September 6.

What might have been

From Dr J. O. Thomas

Sir, *Vide* your leader ("Forever lost", August 27) and subsequent correspondence (August 30; September 3, 4) the following may be of interest.

A planning application for a dwelling and for buildings for intensive farming development on a small site in this village was recently recommended by a planning officer for approval by our district council. The site is designated an area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB) and immediately adjoins the village school. Access is via a narrow country lane (with steep banks and no pavements) in which traffic is banned (except for access) because of the danger to schoolchildren.

The local parish council unanimously recommended rejection of the application. Apparently the planning officer concerned recommended approval on the grounds that if the application was refused the applicant might appeal and the district council would then incur costs in fighting the appeal. (Many think such costs would be justified.) As the law stands, the parish council cannot appeal against the decision.

Is it the business of a planning officer to predict what the applicant's response might be? He might not have appealed. If he had, the parish council could have restated and elaborated its case. The appeal might not have succeeded.

Pre-emption by planning officers of the rights and opportunities of the parish council and of the local people to act *inter alia* to protect the environment and the safety of their children on their way to school should not be permitted.

Yours faithfully,
J. O. THOMAS,
Fordybrook, East Hendred,
Wantage, Oxfordshire.
September 4.

Home ownership

From Mr David Kauders

Sir, The graph accompanying Mary Ann Sieghart's article, "Home is where the money is" (September 3), is open to another interpretation. Over 50 per cent of households in the 25 to 79 age groups already own their own house. Within a generation, they will also inherit a second house as the proportion of Britain's elderly selling or bequeathing their last house exceeds 50 per cent for the first time. Unless every household that so inherits decides to remain a two-house family, some of those inherited properties will be sold.

The inheritance factor therefore leads to extra supply of surplus houses into the market. This supply will continue until the peak of owner-occupation reaches the oldest generation. For the next 20 to 30 years, demographics of ageing are likely to add to the downward pressure on house prices.

Rental may not yet be economic in London, but in the West of England it is a better financial choice. Here, property can be rented for 3 per cent to 4 per cent of capital value. You can sell, put the money in gilts (also free of capital gains tax), pay income tax and spend only half the net income on rent.

For those lacking capital, what is the point of paying over 10 per cent on a stagnant or depreciating asset, when the rental alternative is only a third of the cost? Only fundamental changes in the relative prices of houses and interest rates can restore equilibrium.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID KAUDERS,
County Chambers, Bath Place,
Taunton, Somerset.
September 4.

Arts funding

From the Chairman of the Museums & Galleries Commission

Sir, The Museums & Galleries Commission strongly supports the idea of a national lottery and the case for it succinctly made by Mr Julian Agnew (August 29).

Large and small museums in all parts of the UK need substantial additional funds, not only to refurbish their buildings (many of them listed), but to expand and to acquire works and objects which would otherwise disappear abroad.

Some museums may benefit from the new Foundation for Sport and the Arts, which we welcome; but, with the best intentions by the foundation and the best advice available to it, the amount of money museums are likely to receive from the £20 million share available for the arts and museums will not go far. We shall need a national lottery as well.

I sense a growing awareness in the country that the time for such a lottery is ripe. It would be of the greatest encouragement to all who care about our heritage, and the museums that enshrine it, if proposals for a national lottery were to be included in the manifestos of all the main parties at the next general election.

Yours etc.,
GRAHAM GREENE,
Chairman,
Museums & Galleries Commission,
16 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
September 4.

M25 pollution

From Mr A. M. Askew

Sir, Is this government now completely out of touch with its people on the matter of transport? The announcement that a fourth lane is to be added to the M25 (report, September 5) with local distribution roads being added for local traffic, goes against the feelings of many people already badly affected by the M25.

Are the decision-makers aware of what it is like living in the noise and pollution range of the M25 and have they ever bothered to find out? The noise which penetrates dwellings does not stop night or day, the pollution is often visible and the effect of increased traffic on nearby roads which inevitably become feeders to the M25 junctions is not controlled.

These effects are now due to increase by a factor of 33 per cent, so to many an already intolerable situation is going to get worse. Making an escape from the misery is difficult as it is in most cases dependent on selling a house which is unpleasant to live in.

This government seems to be planning to ride rough shod over affected residents and environmentalists and to be ignoring the lesson that more roads produce more traffic with its attendant problems.

There may be others like myself who were hoping that by controlling vehicle speeds on motorways the noise and pollution were going to improve; they are clearly now going to get worse.

Yours faithfully,
A. M. ASKEW,
Redholm, Coppice Row,
Theydon Bois, Essex.
September 5.

A parish clerk's lot

From Mr David R. Larkin

Sir, With reference to the letters of Mr Jonathan Rennert (August 28) and Mr John Gaze (August 30) I should draw the editor's attention to the fact, as vouched for by Halsbury's *Ecclesiastical Law*, that the office of parish clerk is a temporal office within the jurisdiction of the temporal courts, whose legal duties are to lead the laity in their part in divine service and the offices of the church. In contrast, the office of organist (director of music) is not an office known to the common law.

I must of course, as the learned parish clerk's legal and temporal adviser, declare an interest; but Mr Gaze may be reassured that, exceptionally on this occasion, I do not intend to charge a fee for this opinion.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
DAVID R. LARKIN (Solicitor),
43 Pall Mall, SW1.
September 3.

Modern hazard

From Dr M. J. Pucci

Sir, We have three smoke alarms which think they are cockerels (letter, September 5). Five requests so far for a battery change have all taken place during the early morning hours, waking the household.

Then starts the mini-safari to find which one requires "feeding".

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN PUCCI,
110 Ness Circle,
Ellon, Aberdeenshire.
September 5.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 9: The Right Hon John Major, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) and Mrs Major have left the Castle.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 9: The Prince Edward, Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this morning started the Mars Olympic Torch Appeal run from Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Royal this afternoon visited Gloucester and was received by Colonel Sir Anthony Kershaw (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire).

Her Royal Highness opened the Control and Command Centre at the County Ambulance Service Headquarters, Horton Road, Gloucester, and afterwards opened the new building phase of Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, Great Western Road, Gloucester.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 9: The Princess of Wales visited the Royal Star and Garter Home at Richmond, Surrey.

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Wing Commander David Barton, RAF, were in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.M. Bellingham Kõe and Miss S. Stokes
The engagement is announced between James, son of Brigadier and Mrs Michael Kõe, of Gayton Manor, Northamptonshire, and Sara Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Stokes, of Childe Court, Streatley, Berkshire.

Mr J.J. Carey-Wilson and Miss S.E. Walker
The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Mr Hilary Wilson and of Mrs Elizabeth Carey-Wilson, of Halewell, Withington, Gloucestershire, and Susan, daughter of the late Mr Terence Walker and of Gillian Walker, of Norwich, Norfolk.

Mr J.O. Comyn and Miss A.L. Rushton
The engagement is announced between Oliver, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Victor Comyn, of Hardington Manderville, Somerset, and Annie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Rushton, of Cockermouth, Cumbria.

Mr A.S. Garard and Ms N.J. Squire
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs M.J. Garard, of Orpington, Kent, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.B. Squire, of Maidens Green, Berkshire.

Mr S.T. Simper and Miss L.T. Bocarro
The engagement is announced between Stephen Tintern, elder son of the Rev Canon Allan and Mrs Simper, of Dover, and Lisa Thérèse, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Bocarro, of North Wembley.

Mr D.H.J. Stevens and Miss L.S. Johnston
The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Dr Dominic Stevens, of Bolton, Lancashire, and Mrs Annette Stevens, of Hinton House, Clifton, Bristol, and Lily, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Johnston, of Shellingford House, Faringdon, Oxfordshire.

The Hon C.I.G. Thomas and Miss E.J. Harvey
The engagement is announced between Charles Inigo Gladwyn, elder son of Lord and Lady Thomas of Swynnerton, and Ellen Jessica, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs David Harvey, of Whitefish Bay, Milwaukee, and Marnhull, Dorset.

Marriages

Mr I. Braka and Miss C. Davidson
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 7, at St Ninian's Church, Wooler, of Mr Ivor Braka, son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Braka, to Miss Camilla Davidson, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Duncan Davidson. Father John Timney officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rose Davidson, Hayley Farrington, the Hon Francis Elliot, the Hon Frederick Fermor-Hesketh, Sam Palmer, Nicholas Palmer and Frederick Motley. Mr Graham Moss was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr K. Koritsas and Miss J.A. Firth
The marriage took place quietly in Florida, on September 5, 1991, between Mr Kerry Koritsas, son of the late Mr and Mrs A. Koritsas, of Loudon, and Miss Judith Anne Firth, eldest daughter of Mr Michael Firth, of Granary Cottage, New Pond Hill, Heathfield, Sussex, and the late Mrs Pearl Firth.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Michael Francis James to be a Provincial Stipendiary Magistrate in the West Midlands area, based in Birmingham, from October 2.

Judge Lawrence and Dr Hazel Genn, of London University, to be members of the Tribunals Committee of the Judicial Studies Board.

Birthdays today

Mr Thomas Allen, singer, 47; Mrs Beryl Cook, painter, 65; Mr John Entwistle, rock guitarist, 47; Miss Judy Geeson, actress, 43; Professor C.H.M.J. Gilles, expert on tropical medicine, 70; Mr Antony Hichens, chairman, MB Group, 55; Mr Christopher Hogwood, musicologist, 50; Mr Niall MacDermot, QC, former secretary general, International Commission of Jurists, 75.

Major J.D. Makgill Crichton Maitland, Lord Lieutenant of Renfrewshire, 66; the Very Rev Michael Mayne, Dean of Westminster, 62; Mr Norman Morrice, choreographer, 60; Mr Justice Nolan, 63; Mr Neville Ovens, chief constable, Lincolnshire, 53; Mr Arnold Palmer, golfer, 62; General Sir Antony Read, former governor, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, 78; Sir Peter Reynolds, deputy chairman, Ranks Hovis McDougall, 62; Mr Denis Richards, air historian, 81; Dame Betty Ridley, former Third Church Estates Commissioner, 82; Mr Bill Rogers, golfer, 40; Dr Brian Smith, chairman, BAA, 63; Sir Robert Smith, former chairman, Standard Life Assurance, 64; Sir Rupert Speir, former MP, 81; Miss Gwen Watford, actress, 64; Professor Carel Weight, painter, 83.

Judge retires

Judge Hurwitz retired from the circuit bench of the North Eastern Circuit on September 7. Called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1952, Vivian Hurwitz became a circuit judge in 1974.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as a Past Master of the Farriers' Company, will attend the press launch of the Desert Orchid Farriers Appeal at the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace, at 11.00.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the restored Swalcliffe tithe barn, of the Oxfordshire Building Trust, at 11.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester will present the YMCA-*Today* youth awards at a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel at 12.30; and, as Patron of the Association for all Speech Impaired Children, will attend a concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall at 7.35.

The Duchess of Kent, as Honorary Colonel of the Yorkshire Volunteers, will visit the 1st Battalion at Lydd, Kent, at 11.30.

Dinner

Two Cities Dining Club
Mr Kenneth Dibben, Chairman of the Two Cities Dining Club, presided at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons by courtesy of the Hon Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, who was the guest of honour.

Robert Belgrave

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Robert Belgrave will be held at St Giles', Cripplegate, London, EC2, on Tuesday, November 12, at noon.

Nature notes

HOBBIES are small, narrow-winged hawks, that catch their prey on the wing. Some are still at their nesting sites on heaths or lonely plough land, others are heading south catching housemartins or dragonflies wherever they can. They fly very fast – now overhead, now far away, their plaintive calls fading.


HOBBY

Linnets gather in flocks in the tops of willow trees, singing their twanging song in chorus. Goldfinches are feeding on thistle seeds, bending their heads forwards delicately to extract them; if they are disturbed, they fly up into a nearby bush and sing a lazy, tinkling song.

In the heat of the afternoon, aspen leaves shiver and whisper like a flowing stream, at the slightest passage of a breeze. Meanwhile, fruit and seeds are ripening everywhere. Wild rose hips are turning red, on elder bushes the large rosettes of berries are a mixture of green, red and black. If one presses against a burdock plant, one comes away with a whole rug of their hooked brown seeds on one's clothes.

Small tortoiseshell butterflies are abundant; red admirals are starting to join the peacocks on the buddleias.

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OBITUARIES

EDWIN McMILLAN

Edwin McMillan, American nuclear physicist who was the co-discoverer of neptunium and plutonium, and developed the synchrocyclotron, died on September 7 in El Cerrito, California, aged 83. He was born on September 18, 1907.



DURING the summer of 1940, Edwin McMillan and a young colleague, Philip Abelson, discovered the first element that lay beyond uranium in the periodic table. Their discovery came at a time of furious productivity in physics, driven by war in Europe and the realisation that nuclear fission might lead to a weapon of unprecedented power. Uranium, supposedly the last and heaviest element, had been named after the outermost planet known at the time of its discovery, Uranus. The new element discovered by McMillan and Abelson was therefore named neptunium, after Neptune, a yet more remote planet since discovered. McMillan suspected, correctly, that another trans-uranium element was mixed with neptunium, and this turned out to be a material that would change world history. By mid-1941 it had been isolated and named plutonium, after the outermost of the planets; by July 1945 enough of it had been created to carry out the first test explosion, at Alamogordo in New Mexico.

McMillan shared the 1951 Nobel Prize in chemistry with Glenn Seaborg for finding neptunium and plutonium. Like other pioneers of nuclear fission, he was later to express doubts about the way in which governments had used his discoveries.

Educated at the California Institute of Technology and Princeton, McMillan joined the Lawrence laboratory at the University of California in 1934. Ernest Lawrence, inventor of the cyclotron, used it to bombard elements with high-speed particles in the attempt to create new elements. In Italy Enrico Fermi used the same methods, bombarding uranium with neutrons and hoping to produce the next higher element. Fermi claimed success, but could not prove his claim to have produced element 93. In fact, what he had done was actually more significant, for he had split the uranium atom into two nearly equal parts, releasing fresh neutrons.

In the attempt to explain Fermi's results, McMillan wondered whether some of the neutrons produced by fission might indeed be creating new elements, as Fermi had claimed. With Abelson, he was able to show that an unidentified element produced in the experiment was indeed number 93, neptunium. They inferred that this element might decay to produce another one, and theory suggested that if it did, this new isotope might be fissile, like uranium-235.

The 60-inch cyclotron at the Lawrence lab was put to work bombarding uranium with deuterons – the nuclei of heavy hydrogen – producing the first fragments of plutonium. Within a year the fissile isotope of plutonium had been found and shown to undergo fission at a rate much higher than uranium-235.

McMillan took part in the Manhattan Project that followed, a scientific stampede to turn the new discoveries into a weapon. During the war he also worked on radar and sonar but in 1945 returned to the cyclotron.

At the time, the ability to accelerate particles was limited by relativistic effects. Increases in velocity led to increases in mass, which tended to put the particles out of step with the pulses used to accelerate them. This meant that energies higher than 20 million electron volts (MeV) were impossible. In 1945 McMillan and the Soviet physicist Vladimir Veksler, working independently, discovered a way of synchronising the pulses with the increasing mass of the particles; the result, given the name synchrocyclotron, made possible much higher energies. In 1948 the 380 MeV synchrocyclotron at the Lawrence lab discovered the pi-meson particle.

McMillan spent his entire career at the Lawrence laboratory, succeeding Lawrence himself as its head in 1958 and retiring in 1973. Apart from the Nobel Prize, he shared with Veksler the 1963 Atoms for Peace prize, and last year was awarded the National Medal of Science, the highest award for science in the US.

Known as a modest man with unbounded curiosity, McMillan shared the anxieties of many atomic scientists that governments would be unable to control the weapons their discoveries had made possible. He once said: "The way our government deals with the question of disarmament is shameful – a disgrace to our nation". He died just as the revolutionary changes in the Soviet Union have brought the prospect of substantial reductions of nuclear weapons much closer. He leaves a wife, Elsie, two sons and a daughter.

GERALD SAMBROOKE-STURGESS

Gerald Sambrooke-Sturgess, yachtsman, died on August 31 aged 89. He was born in Birmingham on December 5, 1901.



GERALD Sambrooke-Sturgess, was the father figure of the international yacht racing rules. He sailed until the age of 70 but will be best remembered for his life-long devotion to refining and simplifying the yacht racing rules into simple language that everyone can understand.

He spent most of his life in Norfolk, after moving to Norwich at the age of two when his father died. Educated at King Edward VI Grammar School, he later graduated as a dental surgeon, following the path of his step-father who also taught him to sail aboard the family's A class Broads sailing cruiser. As a young man, Sambrooke-Sturgess took over the mantle of Brooke Heckstall-Smith, buying the copyright to the writings of yacht racing's earliest rule-maker, then set about re-writing his classic work *Yacht Racing*, now in its sixth edition.

The commodore of three yacht clubs in Norfolk at various times, Sambrooke-Sturgess was revered as an elder statesman to the sport within his beloved Broads. During his racing days, he competed in many of the top classes including the International 14 dinghy, the Star and Dragon Olympic class keelboats. His favourite, however, was the Norfolk Punt.

Soon after the second world war, Sambrooke-Sturgess became a founder member of the International Yacht Racing Union's racing rules committee, was appointed vice-chairman in 1964 and chairman in 1973. He remained a consultant to the committee following his retirement in 1978.

He received the Royal Yachting Association's Yachtsman's Award in 1972, a Torch Trophy Trust award in 1973 and, in 1977, the Queen's Silver Jubilee medal, all for services to the sport. In 1983 he was appointed OBE and last year shared the Beppe Croce trophy, yachting's top award, with the American Greg Bemis for their collaborating work on re-writing the yacht racing rules.

Sambrooke-Sturgess adjudicated at successive Olympic games from 1960 and in his later years became appalled by the increasing lack of rule observance at the highest levels of the sport. "I'm a square – that's what it boils down to – but it shocks me to the core. Unless the present young generation pull up their socks there won't be any sport in another decade. It will just be a free for all," he once forecast.

Sambrooke-Sturgess is survived by his wife, Betty, and four children.

MARGARET 'PEGGY' RAMSAY

Margaret "Peggy" Ramsay, play agent, died in London on September 4 aged 83. She was born in Sydney on May 28, 1908.

THE PUBLIC achievements of the post-war English theatre rest to a large extent on a handful of people, including George Devine and Joan Littlewood, whose particular genius was to release the talent of others. Among them, none exercised a greater influence than Margaret Ramsay, the agent, who worked from the heart of London's West End.

Virtually unknown outside the profession until Vanessa Redgrave played her in the film, *Prick Up Your Ears*, she was the discoverer, encourager, defender, and most brutal critic of two generations of English playwrights. Subtract the names of her clients from Joe Orton and David Mercer in the Sixties through to Willy Russell and David Hare, and the English playwrighting renaissance would be almost a blank.

At every point, her career contradicted the stereotyped idea of theatrical agents as trend-following parasites encouraging artists to repeat past successes so as to realise their ten per cent. Peggy (as she was known to everyone) disdained money, though she gave it away in fistfuls to needy newcomers (such as E. A. Whitehead) whose talent she believed in. The agency flourished, though that was not evident from its shabby premises off St. Martin's Lane.

She also disdained past success. Nothing aroused her to more fury and contempt than the sight of a good writer lazily succumbing to market forces. Her commercial power derived partly from the fact that she was indifferent to commercial values; and partly from her unrivalled sensitivity to the qualities of untested work. She seldom appeared at first nights, or talked about her private life. Not much was known about that apart from the fact that she lived in Brighton with her friend, Bill Roderick, and that she had once been an opera singer. But after the Orton film she finally unbent towards interviewers and it emerged that she was born Margaret Venneker, the daughter of a British army doctor, and divided her childhood between a Sydney suburb and a South African ostrich farm. After a short-lived undergraduate marriage to her psychology professor, she took to the stage – comic opera in London, followed by a spell of provincial acting during the war. While working for Hugh Hunt at the Bristol Old Vic she discovered her talent as a reader of manuscripts: her recommendations repeatedly blossomed into London hits, and – with a year's subsidy from a group of friends – she set-up her own business.

By the mid-Fifties, the new wave dramatists were making their breakthrough at the Royal Court. Ramsay's role, in association with the enlightened impresario Michael Codron, was to extend the new writing revival from minority houses into the West End.

She was not a cosy personality. Impulsively generous to her staff, she was also known to stalk over St Martin's Lane at lunchtime and forcibly remove them from the Salisbury Arms. She was also wary of her clients' wives, seeing family life as an enemy of first class work. Nor was she always right about their plays; she vehemently disapproved of Peter Nichols' *A Day in the Death of Joe Egg*, which she misread as a piece of autobiographic self-indulgence. It was an irrelevance to her that anyone's feelings might be bruised, as she assumed that for her writers, as for herself, all that counted was the quality of their work. She could be tenderly protective as well as brutal, but her loyalty was to their talent not to themselves. Sometimes they groaned under the relationship. David Mercer was apt to complain that Peggy divided writers between the elite of dark, imaginative explorers, and the lesser breed who made money; and that she perversely refused to place him in the second category. Orton, of course, did become a money-spinner; whereupon Ramsay, who had championed him as an unknown promptly leapt off the band-wagon and subsequently referred to him as merely "one of our writers". To the end of her life, still delivering crushingly accurate analyses of scripts which immediately vanished from her memory, she was on the track of the new.



In defence of her writers, Ramsay would sometimes take issue with their reviewers. Her letters, inscribed "self-typed" and smothered in corrections and afterthoughts, swung between abrasive demolition of the reviewer's arguments and breezy good wishes. She wrote as she spoke. After the dismissal of an early David Hare piece she wrote: "Well, it will soon be an all-revival West End, and critics will be reassessing the judgements of Hazlitt and Agate."

MR JUSTICE LINCOLN

Michael Rubinstein writes:

IN YOUR very appropriate obituary of Sir Anthony Lincoln (August 14) it is stated that, "He wrote a book called, *Wicked, Wicked, Libels*.... Tony Lincoln in fact contributed just one short article to this anthology on libel, which I edited for Routledge and Keegan Paul.

School announcements

Caterham School
Mr A.D. Moy is the new Headmaster of the Preparatory School and Mr D.C. Humphreys the Second Master in the Main School. Old Caterhamians' Day is Sunday, October 13, when a Service of Thanksgiving will be held at 6.00 pm to celebrate 100 years of the OCA. The Preacher will be Rev. Dr R.O. Latham. Following the service a recital will be given on the new Organ by Dr K. Abbott.

Major General A.G. Harley (OC) will open the new CCF HQ and classrooms. Matches will be held in the afternoon. Founder's Day is November 9, and the Old Caterhamians Centenary Dinner in London is on November 22, when Sir Christopher Collett will be the Chief Guest. The Carol Services will be held on Sunday, December 8, and the musical *Guys and Dolls* performed on December 10-12. Robert Bourke is Senior Prefect and Robert Harding Rugby Captain.

The Princess Helena College
Autumn term begins today and ends on December 13. Emma Burgess is Head of School. In November Miss Mary Beattie will be retiring as Chairman of Governors. She will be succeeded by Mrs Martin Laing. Examinations for sixth form scholarships take place on October 5 and applications should be in by September 30. On Saturday, October 12, at 2.00 pm, there will be an Open Afternoon as part of National Boarding Week. Old Girls wishing to play lacrosse against the school on November 30, should contact Mrs Prince via the College. The school production of *Twelfth Night* is at 7.30 pm on December 5, 6 and 7, and the Carol Service is at 3.30 pm on December 8, in St Mary's Church, Hitchin.

St David's School for Girls, Ashford, Middlesex
Autumn term begins on September 11 and ends on December 18. VIth Form Consortium with Halliford Boys' School enters its sixth year. Congratulations to Mrs Margaret Langley, appointed Deputy Headmistress, and Deborah Short, Head Girl. Speech Day will be on Thursday, November 21, with guest speaker Mr John Stevens, MEP.

St Dunstan's College
Michaelmas Term began on September 3, and ends on December 13, exeat being from October 19 to 29. T.F. Stone is Head of School and M.C. Allen is Captain of Rugby football. The guest of honour at Prize Giving, on September 26, is Dr D.J.I. Ingram, CBE, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kent at Canterbury. The new Biology laboratories will be formally opened by Mr John Maples, MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, on October 15.

The Dramatic Society will perform *Billy Budd* on November 28-30. The Chamber Choir will perform Haydn's *Creation* at St George's, Beckenham, on October 5, the Preparatory Department's Christmas Concert will be on December 4. There will be a concert to commemorate the bi-centenary of Mozart's death on December 5, and the Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held on December 12. The Old Dunstonian Association Annual Dinner will be held at the College on September 27.

The College will be open to parents interested in seeking places for their sons on the afternoon of Saturday, September 28, and the evening of Tuesday, November 19. Further details may be obtained from the Admission Secretary (phone 081-690 1274).

St Edmund's School, Canterbury
Michaelmas Term began yesterday. Mr David Knight and Mrs Jennifer Herbert become joint deputy heads and Mr Mark Dickinson takes over as Housemaster of Watson House. Thomas Dunlop is head boy and Catherine Brodie is head girl, Michael Crouch is captain of football. The St Edmund's Society soccer matches will be played on October 19 and the annual dinner will be held at Victory Services Club on November 29. Nicholas Moreton is cathedral head chorister and the Old Choristers' Association dinner will be held at the school on September 21.

The Clergy Orphan Corporation Foundation Service will be held in Canterbury Cathedral on September 27. The preacher will be the Bishop of Dover; former pupils who wish to attend are welcome to contact the headmaster's secretary. The school concert on November 21 will include Joseph Jongen's *Mass* and the school musical *The Boyfriend* will be performed on November 28-30. The carol service is on December 10.

Truro School
Michaelmas Term begins today and ends on Wednesday, December 18. Half-term is from Saturday, October 19 to Sunday, October 27. Speech Day is on Friday, November 8, and the Carol Service is on Sunday, December 15, both events at St Mary Clement Methodist Church.

Mrs P.A. Harris and family take up residence at the new girls' house, Pentreve, and Mr and Mrs W.J. Cooper take over at Malvern senior boys' house. Mr G. Whitmore joins as Head of Games following the retirement of Mr P.T. Lang. Mrs A.E. Weeks becomes Senior Mistress and Mr G. Baines assumes reponsibility for the 2nd year. Mr D.J. Hunt has been appointed Head of Modern Languages and Mr K.W. Powers assumes responsibility for computer studies on the retirement of Mr C.A. Monks. Mrs J. Grassby has been appointed Head of the new Preparatory Department at Treliske School.

Wentworth Milton Mount, Bournemouth
Autumn Term began on September 4. The Head Girl is Fiona Bailey. Miss Pamela Hayes has joined the Staff as Head of the newly opened Technology Department. Miss E. Kaye has retired from the Governing Body and Miss M. Winfield, (Headmistress of Bath High School) has joined the Board. An Open Day will be held at the School on Wednesday, October 9, and Half-term will be from Friday, October 25 to Sunday, November 3. Performances of the School Play will be held on November 14 to 16. The School will conduct the Advent Service at Richmond Hill URC on Sunday, December 1. Term ends on Thursday, December 12.

Woodhouse Grove School
Term begins today at Woodhouse Grove School under the Headmastership of Mr David W. Welsh, MA.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir John Soane, architect, Goring-on-Thames, 1753; Mungo Park, explorer, Foulshiels, Borders, 1771; Sir John Seeley, historian, London, 1834; Robert Koldeway, architect, Blankenburg am Harz, Germany, 1855; Cyril Connolly, critic, Coventry, 1903.

DEATHS: Edward Pococke, orientalist, Oxford, 1691; Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin, pioneer for the rights of women, London, 1797; Ugo Foscolo, poet, Turnham Green, Middlesex, 1827; Wilfrid Scawen Blunt traveller, poet and politician, Southwater, Sussex, 1922; Balthazar Vörster, prime minister of South Africa 1966-78, president 1978-79, 1983.

Vidkun Quisling, Nazi collaborator and minister president during the occupation of Norway, was sentenced to death 1945.

London College of Graphology

The new academic year at the London College of Graphology begins on Monday, September 30. An open evening will be held at the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, London, W1, on Tuesday, September 17, from 6.00 to 8.00 pm. Any enquiries please telephone: 071-351 7498.

Church news

Clergy appointments
The Rev James K Moore, Vicar, Bilham: to be Vicar, St Oswald's, Millhouses (Sheffield).
The Rev Paul P Ockford, Vicar, Sherburn and West and East Heslerton with Yedingham (York): to be Rector, Bampton, Morebath, Clayhanger and Petton (Exeter).

The Rev Ian Pearson, NSM, Diocese of St Albans and archivist at the Church of England Archives Centre: to be Curate, St Mary and All Saints, Chesterfield (Derby).

The Rev Geoffrey Pengelly, Assistant Curate, Redruth with Lanner and Treleigh: to be Priest-in-charge of North Petherwin, Egloskerry, Tresmeer and Tremaine (Truro).

The Rev Susan K Proctor, Parish Deacon, St Mary's, Beighton: to be Parish Deacon-in-Charge, Swallownest (Sheffield).

The Rev Canon John M Saunders, Chaplain, Christ Church, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: to be Priest-in-charge, Horsmonden (Rochester).

The Rev Steven Smith, Assistant Curate, St Mary, Prescot: to be Vicar, St John, Hindley Green (Liverpool).

The Rev Colin A Sparkes, non-stipendiary Minister, Shellingford (Oxford): to be Rector of the newly created benefice of Hawkinge with Acrise and Swingfield (Canterbury).

The Rev Gillian Sumner, Principal, Oxford Archdeaconry Christian Training Scheme and part-time Vice Principal, Oxford Ministry Course: to be full-time Associate Principal, Oxford Ministry Course (Oxford).

The Rev John Taylor, Assistant Curate, St Anne, Stanley: to be Vicar, St James with St Thomas, Poolstock, Wigan (Liverpool).

The Rev Clive A Tomkins, Curate, Eastry and Northbourne with Tilmanstone and Betteshanger with Ham (Canterbury): to be Rector of the newly created benefice of the same name.

The Rev G Roger Walker, Vicar, St Andrew, Hove: to be Vicar, Copthorne (Chichester).

The Rev David J Wardrop, Rector, Clare with Poslingford, Cavendish, Stoke by Clare with Wixoe (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be Chaplain, Bordeaux (Europe).

The Rev Bryan West, Honorary Curate, Holy Family, Gravesend with Ifield: to be Curate, St George, Gravesend (Rochester).

The Rev Martin Weymont, Chaplain, St Peter's Collegiate School, Wolverhampton and non-stipendiary Minister, St Peter, Wolverhampton: to be non-stipendiary Minister, St James and St Elizabeth, Bickershaw, St John Abram and in the Deanery of Wigan East (Liverpool).

The Rev Prebendary John A Widdas, Vicar, Tamworth St Editha: to be also Rural Dean of Tamworth (Lichfield).

The Rev Peter T Wood, Vicar, St Peter w St Owen and St James, Hereford, Rural Dean of Hereford City and Chaplain to the Police and Probation Service: to be also Prebendary of Hereford Cathedral (Hereford).

The Rev David W Yabsacombe, Team Vicar, Central Telford Team Ministry: to be Rector, Cheadle with Freehay (Lichfield).

Other appointment
Dr Jeffrey West to be Secretary to the Advisory Board for Redundant Churches, from October 29.

Church in Wales
Diocese of Llandaff
The Rev Simon John Morgan, Curate, Gelligaer, to be appointed to the parish of Dowlais.

The Rev Gerald Robert Steele to resign as Rector of Cadoxton juxta-Barry on September 30.

The Rev Gwyn Humphrey Bowen, to retire as Vicar of Cwmaman, on October 20.

Diocese of Bangor
The Rev John Nigel Gillibrand, Curate in the rectorial benefice of Llanbeblig (Caernarfon), to be Rector of Ffestiniog with Blaenau Ffestiniog.

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If, however, you are observing the sovereign law laid down in scripture, 'Love your neighbour as yourself', that is excellent.
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BIRTHS

AL FARAJ - On September 7th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Khwal and Mohammed, a daughter, Haya.

ANDERSON - On September 9th, to Julia (née Hatherall) and Craig, a daughter, Georgia Rebecca, a sister for Jessica.

ARBUTHNOTT - On September 6th, to Louisa and James, a son.

ASTLEY - On September 8th, at The West London Hospital, to Veronica (née Smart) and Delaval, a son.

BAKER - On July 9th, to Wendy and Ian, a son, Alexander John, at Frimley Park Hospital. Thanks also to staff at SCBU, St George's Hospital, Tooting.

BEGG - On September 3rd, to Nicola (née Mason) and Donald, a daughter, Katie.

BICKERSTETH - On September 7th, in Denmark, to Mette and Tony, a daughter, a sister for Christopher and Mathias.

BROWN - On September 4th, at Sheffield, to Sarah (née Hunter) and Peter, a son, William John Hunter.

CARSON - On September 3rd, at The Portland Hospital, to Kate (née Naylor) and Richard, a daughter.

CARTER - On September 7th, to Louise (née Ewart) and Nicholas, a daughter.

de SILVA - On September 6th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Katarina and Desmond, a daughter, Victoria Marie Esme Margarita.

DUNSMORE - On September 5th, to Jane (née Cathcart) and David, a daughter, Polly Georgia, a sister for Alexander and Helen. Another granddaughter for David and Brenda and Robert and Cherry.

DURELL - On September 6th, to Theo (née Spink) and David, a daughter, Philippa Ann Morton, a sister for Oliver.

FIREBRACE - On September 7th 1991, to Zoe (née Boome) and James, a daughter.

ROSS - On September 4th, at The Portland Hospital, to Marie Therese (née Vitzthum) and Stephen, a daughter, Bryony.

FRYER - On September 8th, to Juliet (née Fryers) and Simon, a son, Alexander, a brother for James.

GLAYSHER - On September 4th to Nairobi, to Elizabeth (née Ryrie) and Nicholas, a son, Harry.

GORING - On September 7th, to Pip and Harry, a girl.

GOULDSBROUGH - On August 20th, to Catherine and Ian, a daughter, Mary Hope, a sister for Charlie. With thanks to all at Queen Charlotte's.

HOARE - On September 5th, to Ros and Antony, a son.

KERR - On September 5th, to Marie-Claire and Ralph, a son, at the Lindo Wing, St Mary's, Paddington.

KNOWLES - On September 1st, to Georgina (née Maxse) and Hugh, a daughter Alicia.

McKINLEY - On September 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Fatima and Michael, a son, Peter Michael.

NEWMAN - see Gouldsbrough.

PATERSON - On September 6th, at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (née Cawthra) and Quentin, a daughter, Tabitha Rose.

PORTER - On August 24th, to Anne and Sam, a daughter, Katherine Genevieve, a sister for Eavan Jane.

PRESTON - On September 4th, to Lorraine (née Browne) and Craig, a daughter, Nicola Jane.

SCOTT-BOWDEN - On September 8th, to Nicola (née Shepherd) and James, a son, Edward Jonathan, a brother for Harry.

SMITH - On Friday September 6th in water at 4.51 am, to Frederica and David, a daughter, 7lbs 3ozs, Freja Christiana.

SPENCER - On September 7th in London, to Jane (née Young) and John, a daughter, Rosanagh, a sister for Charles.

TROWER - On September 5th, to Virginia (née Langman) and Jonathan, a son, Robert William Philip.

VENABLES - On August 28th, to Philip and Caroline (née Mead), a daughter, Eleanor Ann Ogilvie, a sister for Thomas and Richard.

VANE - On August 19th, to Margaret (née Eisenklam) and Christopher, a daughter, Olivia Evelyn Mary.

VESTEY - On September 6th, to Rachel (née Osborne) and George, a daughter, Ruby Constance.

WEIGHT - On September 3rd, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Michael and Pamela, a daughter, Michaela MacDonald.

DEATHS

BRAY - On September 5th 1991, following a stroke in Hailsham, Sussex, Peter Joseph Henry. The funeral to take place at Eastbourne Crematorium on Wednesday September 11th at 1 pm.

BUSSELL - On Friday September 6th 1991, peacefully, Marion Mutr, 16 Inveralian Court, Bridge of Allan. Dearly loved wife of the late Eric Bussell and much loved mother of Rosalind and Gordon. Funeral Service Falkirk Crematorium on Thursday September 12th at 12.30 pm to which all friends are respectfully invited.

CAMERON - On Friday September 6th, Ian Angus, aged 58, after a courageous struggle against cancer. Husband of Valerie, father of Claire, Helen and Anne, grandfather to Daniel. Loved by all.

CANTELO - On Friday 6th September, Peter Guy, much loved husband of Barbara. Funeral East Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, Wednesday 11th September at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to the Prevention of Blindness Research, R.N.L.B. 224-2 Great Portland Street, London W1N 6AA

CLARKE - On September 6th, Dominic, much loved son of Pamela Ballard.

CROSBY - On September 7th, in Virginia, USA, John Campbell, husband of Kate and father of Michael, Margaret, Alexander and Victoria.

DAVIS - On September 7th, peacefully at home, Michael Justin, beloved husband of Elaine, father of Margaret, Anne and Robert and grandfather. Funeral Thursday September 12th, 2.30 pm, St George's Church Prestwich, Marlborough. No flowers please but donations to Savernake Hospital Inquiry Trust Fund, A.D. Rankin, Peacock Cottage, Manton, Marlborough. Memorial Service later.

DOWNS - On September 7th, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Helen Margaret (formerly Sarosh), deeply beloved by her mother, family, Peter Myers and her many friends. Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon SW19, on Friday September 13th at 10 am, followed by private cremation. Flowers and enquiries to Messrs. A. Cotterill, 169 Merton Road, SW18, tel: (081) 874-7698 or if desired donations to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

ELDIN - On September 2nd 1991, suddenly at his home, Mohan Gamal (M.G.), dear husband of Gabielle. Former Senior Consultant Surgeon at The Greenwich Hospital. Funeral Service at the Eltham Crematorium on Friday September 13th at 11.15 am. Enquiries to Francis Chappell & Son, 48 High Street, Sidcup. (081) 300-4661. A Memorial Service to be announced later at The Greenwich District Hospital Chapel.

FLAMBERT - On September 5th peacefully, Stella Mairi (née Eyre-Brook) of Kimpton, aged 84 years. Beloved wife of William, much loved mother and grandmother.

FLAMBERT - On September 5th peacefully Dorothy Mary of Kimpton, aged 86 years, much loved sister and aunt.

GARRARD - On September the 6th John Whippy of Charlton, Shaftesbury. Husband of Margaret. Private cremation.

GASKELL - On September 6th, Ursula, in her 92nd year. Funeral 10.45am, Friday September 13th at All Saints Church, Worlington.

GOURLEY - On September 9th 1991, at home in Bromley, Kent, after a short but painful illness, bravely borne, Alan Stenhouse Gourley, aged 82, the well known artist. The funeral service will be held at Beckenham Crematorium, Elmers End Road, Beckenham, Kent, on Friday September 13th at 3.30 pm. Floral tributes to Francis Chappell & Sons, 251 High Street, Bromley, Kent by 12 noon.

HERCULES - On September the 5th, peacefully in hospital, Evelyn, aged 69, wife of the late Leslie, beloved mother of Janice and Brian. Cremation at Colwyn Bay on September the 11th at 2.00pm. Family flowers only. Donations and enquiries via Tegid Jones, Funeral Directors 0745 855 949.

HUME-ROTHERY - On September 8th 1991, peacefully at Church Farmhouse, Church Hotton, Oxfordshire, Agnes Elizabeth (Betty) aged 87, Funeral Service at St Bartholomew's Church, Hotton, on Friday September 13th at 2.30 pm.

HUNTER - On September 5th 1991, peacefully at St Columba's Hospice, after a valiant fight against cancer, Alastair Laurie, aged 65, darling husband and friend of Jill, devoted father to Oliver, beloved son of Lilian and the late Ian, and much loved brother of Morag and the late Aileen. Service at St Paul's and St George's, York Place, Edinburgh, on Friday September 15th at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to St Columba's Hospice, Boswall Road, Edinburgh.

JOHNSTON - On September 5th 1991, peacefully at Grayshott, Hindhead, Surrey, Enid Johnston J.P. (née Whitfield), aged 82, formerly of Greensted Green and Earls Colne, Essex. Beloved wife of the late Tom, mother of Bill, Ann and Meg, and a much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation at Godalming Crematorium (immediate family only). A Thanksgiving Service for Enid's life and work will be held at St James's Church, Greensted Green at a date to be announced. Correspondence to Miss M.E. Johnston, 52 Darrington Drive, Merrow, Guildford GU1 2QD.

JONDORF - On September 6th 1991, peacefully after a short illness, Werner Robert, aged 62. Cremation private, no flowers. A farewell gathering will be held at Girton College, Cambridge, at 11.15 am on Thursday September 12th. Donations in his memory may be sent to Greenpeace, Canonbury Villas, London N1 2PN or to Cambridge Anti-blood Sports Society, Box Grapevine Bookshop, Gwydir Street, Cambridge.

JONES - On September 8th, peacefully, Stephen John, dearly loved son of Dorothy and the late John, brother of Vernon and Anthea, uncle of Kate and Mark. A dear friend to all who knew and loved him. Family flowers only please, donations to Wellspring Trust c/o Midcroft, Chorleywood Road, Chorleywood, Herts, WD3 4EU. Funeral at Lambeth Crematorium, Friday September 13th at 10am.

JOSS - On September 6th 1991, Lt. Col. Cecil Alexander, M.C., peacefully at home. Dearly beloved companion of Roberta, loving father of Andrea and grandfather of Guy, Samantha and Joss. Cremation Thursday September 12th at 2.30 pm. No flowers by request, donations please to Save the Children Fund, 17 Grove Lane, London SE5 8RD.

KNOLLYS - On September 6th 1991, at home in London, Eardley Knollys, painter, aged 89, dear uncle of David and Anne. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, Stag Lane, London SW15, on Monday September 16th at 11.30am.

LEAKE - On September 7th 1991, peacefully at his home Highfield, St Mary's Lane, Louth, Lincolnshire, Peter Robson, aged 67 years. Beloved husband of Janet and dear father, stepfather, grandfather and brother. Funeral Service at St James Parish Church, Louth, Thursday September 12th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Louth Community Nurses Fund or Louth County Hospital High Dependancy Unit, c/o Lloyds Bank Louth or V. Walker & Son, Queen Street Place, Louth.

LLEWELYN LEACH - On September 7th, peacefully, Stuart, dearly loved father of Peter, John and Susan. A Service of Thanksgiving for his deep love of family and unfailing enthusiasm for science and education will be held on Tuesday September 17th at Bramcote Crematorium, Nottingham at 3.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations in his memory may be sent to Royal National Lifeboat Institute, c/o West Bridgford Funeral Service, Tudor Square, West Bridgford, Nottingham, telephone: (0602) 817444.

LOCKYER - On September 9th, peacefully at Little Haven Nursing Home, Dibden Purlieu, Jane Russell, in her 90th year. Much loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. Funeral at Southampton Crematorium, Friday September 13th at 1.30 pm, East Chapel. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council c/o R. Hallum & Son, 185 Long Lane, Holbury, Southampton.

MANSON - On September 3rd 1991, suddenly, Major Peter Brooke, aged 75, son of the late Lt. Col. James Arthur Prendergast Manson and Henrietta Constance and brother of the late Lt. Col. John Prendergast Manson and dearly loved uncle of Camilla, Claire and Robin.

MENDL - On Saturday September 7th, Beryl Althea (Bettie) MBE, peacefully at Low Furlong, Shipston on Stour, aged 97. Mother of Hugh Mendl and Rosemary Tolson. Cremation at Oakley Wood Crematorium on Monday September 16th at 11am. Family flowers only.

MENRIES - On September 7th, very peacefully at The London Independent Hospital, Archie N. Menzies. Sadly missed by Valerie, Norman, Lee, Florence, Elizabeth, Anoushka, Flora and Chloe.

NEAT - On September 7th, peacefully in hospital, formerly of York and Sunderland, Nelly (née Carissa), the dearly beloved wife of the late Charles Philip Neal, mother of John and Kenneth and much loved by her family. The funeral service will take place in St Peter's Church, Thorner, Leeds, on Friday September 13th at 12 noon, followed by cremation at York at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please. If desired donations in lieu may be sent for St Peter's Church, Thorner, c/o Rev. S. Brown, The Vicarage, Church Hill, Thorner, Leeds LS14 3EG.

NORMAN - On September 8th, in a flying accident, aged 30, Paul Welch. Most dearly loved husband of Marta. The Old Bakery, Alderminster, Stratford.

PECOVER - On September 9th, Bruce George. Dearly loved husband of 'Crickie', dear father of Caroline, Amanda and Gerald and a loving grandfather. Service at St John's Church, St John's Street, Winchester, on Thursday September 12th at 2pm. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to Save the Children c/o Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

PERKINS - On September 5th, in Torbay Hospital, after a short illness, Penny, of Great Ambrook, Devon, late of Islington, sister of Timothy and David. Loved by many. The Memorial Service will take place at Sharpham House, Ashprington, Devon, on Friday September 13th at 2 pm. No flowers, but donations in her memory to the Tibet Society, Olympia Bridge Library, 70 Russell Road, London W14.

PERRY - On September 9th, at Moreton-in-Marsh, Charles Oscar, aged 85, much loved husband of the late Colleen, father of Nick, Tim and Gordon, grandfather and great-grandfather. Private cremation followed by a Memorial Service at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Blockley, at 11.30 am on Monday September 16th. No flowers please.

PINNEY - On September 7th, peacefully in hospital, James Waller, formerly of Little Stoke, beloved husband of the late Justina, much loved father of Anne and Alexandra and a devoted grandfather. Funeral St Saviours Church, Aston-by-Stone, Staffordshire, on Friday September 13th at 3pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Gifts in his memory to St Saviours Church or Calibre Talking Books c/o Price & Stubbs, Mill Street, Stone, ST15 8BA.

POTTER - On September 6th, at Hyde Health, Amersham, Doris Helen Lucy (Dodie) née Cleaver, of Great Missenden, wife of the late John Watts Potter D.S.O., formerly of Matlock. Much loved by her daughter Patricia, Robert and her grandsons Andrew, Richard, Bruce and Peter. Funeral at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden, on Friday September 13th at 2.30 pm. Flowers and enquiries to H.J. & A. Wright Ltd., 106 High Street, Great Missenden, tel: (02406) 3101.

POWELL - On September 5th, without regaining consciousness during a serious operation, Gordon Reginald Montague (Sandy) D.F.C., dearly beloved husband of Virginia, father and adoring grandfather, much loved and respected by family and the Barsamian family and friends. Funeral Service and burial at St Jude's Church, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey, at 11.30 am on Wednesday September 18th. Flowers and enquiries to F. Harrison & Son, Egham, telephone (0784) 432163.

RABAGLIATI - On September 8th 1991, peacefully at home, Brig. C. Ian E. Rabagliati, R.E.M.E. (Rtd.). Very dearly loved husband of Jean and dear father of Duncan, Graham and Robert. Much loved by his daughters-in-law Mair, Lynn and Shona and his grandchildren. Service at Mension Parish Church, West Yorks., Thursday September 12th at 2.15 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to R.E.M.E. Benevolent Fund, Arborfield, RG2 9NL, or Royal British Legion Poppy Fund c/o NatWest Bank, New Road Side, Horsforth, Leeds.

ROFFE-SILVESTER - On September 8th 1991 at Reaphay, Michael Raoul, in his 70th year, after a brave fight against cancer. Much loved husband of Brigid and father of John, Francis and George. Father-in-law of Charlotte and grandfather of Alice, Edward, Isabel and Rupert. In his 52nd season as a Master of Hounds, and loved and respected by all who knew him. Funeral Service at 2.30 pm on Friday September 13th at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, West Buckland, followed by burial in the churchyard. No flowers at his request, but donations, if desired, to St Margaret's (Somerset) Hospice.

ROSS-BELL - On August 29th, very suddenly while on holiday in France, Ian, darling husband of Margaret and Dad of Ione and Alastair. The cremation took place in Annecy, but a Service of Thanksgiving will be held in London shortly. Enquiries to (081) 673-9078.

SHERWOOD - On September 6th, suddenly in Botswana, Patrick. Much loved husband of Margaret and father of Edward, Peter and Claire. Oldest son of Godfrey and Becky.

SOUTER SMITH - On Friday September 6th, peacefully after a very brave battle against cancer, Marisa, darling snoosie of Bruce and Bruce Junior and daughter of Mieke and the late Arnold Tempel, at Trinity Hospice, Clapham Common, 30 North Side, SW4. Burial to take place at Gunnersbury Cemetery on Thursday September 12th at 11am. Family mourners only. Thanksgiving Service to take place at St Saviours Church, Walton Street, on Thursday September 12th at 3 pm. Everybody welcome. Flowers to Ballard Funerals (071) 370-6271 or donations to Trinity Hospice preferred for their loving care in her final days.

STARK - On September 7th, peacefully in hospital, Phyllis, dearly loved mother of Peter and Derek, grandmother of Tim, Niki, Richard and Caroline and friend to all who knew her. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, East Hagbourne, on Thursday September 12th at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only. If desired donations to St Andrew's Church or Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

VINCENT - On September 7th 1991, Jacqueline, dearly loved wife of Rodney and mother of Rebecca, Christopher and Amanda. Funeral on Thursday September 12th, 2 pm at All Saints Church, Crawley Down, Sussex, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to Operation Santa Claus, Radio Mercury PLC, PO Box 1, Crawley, Sussex.

WAGENER - On September 7th 1991, peacefully, Marian, aged 82 years, formerly of Eastbourne. Beloved wife of the late Jack Wagener and mother of Jeremy, a dearly loved grandmother and sister of Gordon Sinclair. Funeral Service on Thursday September 12th at 9.30 am at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow, Essex. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Old Rossallian Benevolent Fund, c/o the Headmaster Rossall School, Fleetwood, Lancs.

WILLIAMSON - On September 8th 1991, Alan, of Wareham, Dorset. Beloved husband of Mary and father of Martin and John. Funeral Service in the Church of Lady St Mary, Wareham, Friday September 13th at 2 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Albert Marsh (Funeral Directors) Ltd., St Michaels Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4QU. tel: (0929) 552107.

WILSON - On September 9th, suddenly but peacefully at Epsom District Hospital, David Stewart Wilson M.C. (Major Royal Engineers) aged 72 years, very much loved by Barbara, Sarah, Diana and all the family. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Ockham, on Monday September 16th at 2.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Enquiries and donations if desired for The Mark Davies Injured Riders Fund to James & Thomas Ltd, F/D 45 East Lane, West Horsley, Surrey KT24 6HQ. tel: (04865) 4948.

WILSON - On September 7th 1991, peacefully at his home, in his 69th year, Joseph Alexander, dearly loved husband of Susan (Cis), beloved father of John, father-in-law of Linda and much loved grandfather of John and Lynsey. Service in St Columba's Church, Stirling, on Wednesday September 11th at 2 pm. Interment thereafter private.

WOODALL - On September 8th, very peacefully at home with his family and friends, Jack Cmdr. J.C.K., R.N. Reid, aged 95. Thanksgiving Service 10.45 am Monday September 16th at St Mary and St Nicholas, Church Road, Leatherhead.

WOOD - On September 7th, 1991, Kathleen Wood, aged 84 years, widow of Lt. Cmdr. W.J. Wood, RN. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Headley, nr. Newbury, on Thursday September 12th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries and donations for The Basingstoke Hospice Appeal or The Dachshund Rescue to Howe & Son Funeral Directors, 1 Basingstoke Road, Kingsclere, Newbury, Berks, RG15 8NN, tel: (06356) 299303.

YOUNG - On September 8th, peacefully at Riverhill, Woodbridge, Mary Gladys, in her 91st year, widow of the late Dr. Matthew Young of Oaklands Avenue, Esher, Surrey and for many years Registrar of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Much loved by her children Rosemary and Stewart, her grandchildren and great-grandson. Enquiries to E.B. Button & Sons 0394-382160.

ZUPPINGER - On September 8th, her 64th birthday, gracefully and peacefully at The Royal Marsden, Surrey, Florence Mai ('Fay'), Greatly loved mother of Jamie and Kerry, grandmother of Nicholas. Flowers to Fredk. Paine, Surbiton. Funeral at Kingston Crematorium on Friday September 13th at 2.30 pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BISCHOFF - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Barney Bischoff will be held at St John the Evangelist Church, Church, Farnham, Surrey, on Friday September 27th at 11.15 am.

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TETSUO: THE IRON MAN (18): Japanese office worker turns into metal monster. Hideous bio-mechanical engineering fantasy that makes David Cronenberg look like Enid Blyton.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

WELCOME HOME ROXY CARMICHAEL (12): Winona Ryder as a misfit teenager who believes a returning celebrity may be her mother. Botched mix of small-town satire and coming-of-age drama.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

CURRENT

DIVA (15): Jean-Jacques Beineix's 1982 hit about opera, bootleg recordings and the Paris underworld, revived in a new print: a hugely influential exercise in visual chic.
Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

♦ **DYING YOUNG (15):** Foolish, manipulative weepie with Julia Roberts in a love quandary over a young man dying of leukaemia. Director, Joel Schumacher.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Haymarket (071-839 7697) Kensington (0426 914666) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ **EDWARD SCISSORHANDS (PG):** Tim Burton's captivating fantasy about a boy with scissors for hands at large in American suburbia. With Johnny Depp, Dianne West, Winona Ryder.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

HENRY: PORTRAIT OF A SERIAL KILLER (18): Devastating, fly-on-the-wall study of human depravity in Chicago. Director, John McNaughton.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631).

♦ **THE NAKED GUN 2½ — THE SMELL OF FEAR (12):** Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous dead-pan comedy. Directed by David Zucker.
Cannon Baker Street (071-935 9772) Empire (071-437 9999) Plaza (071-437 9999).

♦ **NEW JACK CITY (18):** Flashy visual trappings cloak an old-hat plot about a drug baron's rise and fall. With Wesley Snipes, rap singer Ice-T; directed by actor Mario Van Peebles.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Whiteleys (071-792 3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

PARIS TROUT (18): Dennis Hopper's redneck Southern racist stands accused of murder. Powerful, atmospheric drama from Pete Dexter's novel. With Barbara Hershey, Ed Harris; director, Stephen Gyllenhaal.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

♦ **PROSPERO'S BOOKS (15):** Peter Greenaway's variation on *The Tempest*, with John Gielgud's Prospero stalking Shakespeare's text through a jungle of eye-popping images. Brilliant but exhausting.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

♦ **SOAPDISH (12):** Shallow, boisterous parody of America's soap operas, with good moments. Starring Sally Field, Kevin Kline, Robert Downey Jr, Elisabeth Shue. Director, Michael Hoffman.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-437 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ **TERMINATOR 2: JUDGMENT DAY (15):** Good robot Arnold Schwarzenegger battles bad robot Robert Patrick. A fine showpiece for special effects, but the humans get short shrift. Director, James Cameron; with Linda Hamilton.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ **THELMA & LOUISE (15):** Dieliaff road movie with Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon fleeing through the American South-West. Bracing adventure from director Ridley Scott.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6861) Plaza (071-437 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY (PG): Grieving Juliet Stevenson wills her late boyfriend (Alan Rickman) back to life. Endearingly humane drama; a directing debut for playwright Anthony Minghella.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

YOUNG SOUL REBELS (18): Seductively shot but unwieldy stew of soul music, murder mystery, racial and sexual politics, set in Jubilee Britain, 1977. A first mainstream feature for director Isaac Julien.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Metro (071-437 0757).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

A genius mad at the world

THEATRE

Sixteen Words for Water
Old Red Lion
Islington



MARILYN KINGWILL

Not mad but bad: Tom Georgeson as the incarcerated Pound runs rings round Susan Lynch's eager student

WAS the Ezra Pound who admired Hitler and reviled Roosevelt mad or not? That was hardly the right question to pose to an audience which had spent the opening night of Billy Marshall-Stoneking's play in the microwave oven that was quaintly calling itself the Old Red Lion. "Water, water," some of us could be heard crazily mumbling as we crawled out of Madeleine Wynn's production into the street. I would not have blamed a passing vet had he mistaken me for a rabid spaniel and shot me out of hand. By comparison, Pound was the epitome of critical balance.

For what it is worth, Marshall-Stoneking's view seems to be that Pound was profoundly right-minded but horribly, and perhaps criminally, wrong-headed. He came up with the worst political answers to the best emotional, imaginative and spiritual questions. That is roughly what emerges from the two conversations that Marshall-Stoneking shows Pound holding in the Washington asylum in which he was still incarcerated 13 years after the war, in 1958.

One is with a wary government psychiatrist, played by Jane Wymark, and the other with an eager college student, Susan Lynch. The first visitor is marginally the more interesting, since she is briefly permitted to rage at Tom Georgeson's Pound and accuse him, not without justice, of relishing the role of misunderstood visionary and genius-in-exile. But her more usual vein is ploddingly to tell him that "freedom of speech doesn't mean you can say anything you like". Both women are feeds, there to let the wayward old poet run rings round them.

But that is no great disaster, for Georgeson gives as formidable a performance as the heat permits. Surprisingly, he does not look quite as dishevelled as Pound reputedly did at this time; but he has clearly listened to records of his readings. At times, it is almost as though some male Mae West were reciting psalms. The voice rumbles wryly and somewhat mockingly along, then rises into a sing-song, liturgical chant. But what matters is the intensity beneath the sly, ironic manner. This is someone who genuinely hankers for an alternative to what he sees as the greed, mediocrity and rootlessness of modern civilisation.

Marshall-Stoneking was born in America, lives in Australia, and has studied Aboriginal culture. Whether he is right to attribute the same fascination to his protagonist, I do not know; but it certainly adds passion to his attempt to present a rounded assessment of a still troubling and controversial figure. On the one hand, his Pound can rave about "vermin", meaning Jewish bankers, and cite *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* as if that tome were not a forgery. On the other, he surely speaks for our century when he talks of his yearning for places "where one feels a belonging, where one feels whole".

The result is a play of undoubted intelligence, one with rare feeling for contradiction and paradox. The trip is worth it. But wait for a cool day, or take iced tea and a sunhat; or, of course, both.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

PROMS

Dresden Staatskapelle/ Boston Symphony/New London Orchestra
Albert Hall/Radio 3

A HEARTY and bilingual welcome resounded from arena to orchestra for the two visiting bands at the week-end's Proms. "Willkommen an unser Musikfest!" The Dresden Staatskapelle of Saxony was welcome indeed, the more so as it brought Sir Colin Davis back to the Proms.

This meeting of baton and band is a particularly fruitful one. Praised by Beethoven as the finest in Europe, the Staatskapelle is still a true ensemble orchestra: tight and sinewy of string playing and with a wind section whose soloists pipe and play as winsomely as any. They find both inspiration and complement in the baton of Davis. Wide-arching of phrase, singing of melodic contour, it woos velocity and flexibility out of this ready, vigorously self-defining ensemble.

Mozart's "Paris" Symphony luxuriated in Davis's characteristically conservative tempos, so that each serrated edge of the first soaring *coup d'archet* could bite, each silvered flute contour of the andante gleam through. The orchestra's irresistibly pure-voiced and high-spirited wind band came into its own in Schubert's Sixth Symphony. While Davis made Lieder out of its andante, flute, oboe, ready clarinet and bassoon celebrated the spirit of Rossini. Thanks to Davis's light, springing rhythms, the Italian opera never seemed far away.



Sir Colin Davis: back to the Proms

The woodwind led the way, too, in Dvořák's Seventh Symphony, generating a surge of live breath which provided the impetus for a performance more tense than turbulent. Davis worked on creating rhythmic expectancy and melodic release and playing joyfully with the equipoise. The scherzo, for instance, was totally without the spurious aggression which so often masquerades as energy here. Complex and subtle in his accenting, Davis revelled in testing each player's alertness, and pointed, too, the sentience of the brass.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra, on Saturday, had equal if contrasting riches to display. One could sense in Beethoven's Symphony No 8 a brilliance of string sound; in Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique* a balance of the meticulousness and the showmanship in the wind and brass playing which gives this orchestra its distinctive profile. But one could only sense. Seiji Ozawa, at his most inscrutable, succeeded in drawing much of the sap out of the playing and out of the music itself. Long before Berlioz's scaffold, we were deep in the valley of dry bones.

With every accent, crescendo, decrescendo and score-marking almost visibly in place; yet totally static within that place, this was cerebral conducting. For Beethoven, it wiped the smile off the face of the symphony for which he had a particular affection: for Berlioz, it reduced Romantic fantasy to muted comic strip.

How much more true music was made by the humbler New London Orchestra at Sunday afternoon's children's prom. Ronald Corp conducted a programme dominated by Prokofiev, with the Finchley Children's Music Group enjoying the Young Pioneer jollity of *Winter Bonfire*, and Judi Dench at her tale-telling best in the inevitable *Peter and the Wolf*.

The concert tried hard, but did not entirely succeed, to be, in John Drummond's avuncular introductory words, "a Prom of children, for children and by children". Both Lutoslawski's and Britten's songs were piano accompanied and, in their very subtlety, all but lost both pace and concentration. Penelope Walmsley-Clark, who gamely sang Prokofiev's entirely adult *The Ugly Duckling*, was reviled by my six-year-old companion as "that silly woman". Verbally all but incomprehensible in the sophistication of its vocal writing, the work revealed superficial understanding of appropriate programming.

HILARY FINCH

THEATRE

Sunset Song
Tron, Glasgow
The Cone Gatherers
Tramway, Glasgow

SCOTTISH theatre is often said to be obsessed with finding new plays and dramatists, but on the strength of the first two offerings of the autumn season, there would seem to be infinitely more mileage in adapting Scottish novels for the stage than in investing in new writing.

Both TAG theatre company and *Communicado have produced* adaptations of 20th century Scottish novels which are exciting as any new piece of theatre in Scotland this year. TAG's adaptation of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's *Sunset Song*, set in Edwardian Aberdeenshire, is the more modest of the two, but in some ways it is the more completely successful. Alastair Cording's adaptation, played out on Karen Tennent's earthy set, wisely concentrates on the central character Chris Guthrie and charts her growth to womanhood, her abandonment of early hopes of education in favour of running the family farm and her disappointing first marriage. The landscape of the Mearns, so crucial to the novel, is evoked in Andrew Howitt's powerful choreography and the music of George and Billy Jackson.

Pauline Knowles gives a tough but radiant performance as Chris Guthrie *at the centre of a strong ensemble*, who try their creditable best to speak in the appropriate dialect. Only very occasionally in Tony Graham's endlessly inventive production are some of the emotional peaks in the novel not given their proper emphasis.

Communicado's version of Robin Jenkins's novel *The Cone Gatherers* is a much grander affair altogether. Set in the early 1940s in a pine forest on a West Highland estate, the play traces a clash between the forces of humanity and inhumanity, between the cone gatherers who are collecting seeds of a forest which is to be sacrificed to the war effort and the lady of the "Big House" and her gamekeeper.

This elaborate undertaking is partly the fruit of a Prudential Theatre Award. Gordon Davidson, the designer, has, with the help of Jeremy Webber, the lighting designer, and sound designer Ian McGregor's *superb score, created a Highland pine* forest in Glasgow's Tramway Theatre.

The audience sit on logs, the floor is covered in fragrant bark, and above their heads a canopy of trees is suggested by camouflage netting. At one end of the huge playing area is the Big House, at the other a gamekeeper's cottage and a summerhouse. The sounds and sensations of the forest are all evoked in Gerry Mulgrew's production, which is at its best in a fearsome deerhunt in which the actors play both deer and hunters. The only false note came from a small group of muppets in black lycra leggings and tartan sashes masquerading as an elemental Gallic presence.

Though there were some very powerful performances — such as Tam Dean Burn as Duror, the neurotic gamekeeper — some of the company seemed dwarfed by their surroundings. However, the final moments of *the play were shattering.*

ALASDAIR CAMERON

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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
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☐ **BLUE NIGHT IN THE HEART OF THE WEST:** Native Scot poleaxed by aberrant love in Iowa. James Stock's brisk, bizarre comedy: splendid acting.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 165mins.

☐ **BRAND:** Roy Marsden in dour Ibsen drama set in a dark fiord.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE CARETAKER:** Donald Pleasence in Pinter's classic tussle between a tramp and two brothers.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ **CARMEN JONES:** Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** New cast takes over in Brian Friel's Olivier memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER:** Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm. Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ **HEDDA GABLER:** Fiona Shaw outstanding as Ibsen's spirited, doomed heroine in powerful Dublin Abbey Theatre production.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 210mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE MISER:** Charles Kay, Eleanor Bron in needlessly dour production by Steven Pimlott.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm. 165mins.

☐ **NAPOLI MILIONARIA:** Ian McKellen a striking figure in Eduardo de Filippo's richly textured, end-of-war drama.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. 175mins.

☐ **OUR TOWN:** Under-powered production of Thornton Wilder's play on small-town America.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE PHILANTHROPIST:** Capit-vating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ **70, GIRLS, 70:** Irresistible Dora Bryan leads the cast of apparent 70-year-olds in a genial Kander & Ebb musical.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ **TANGO AT THE END OF WINTER:** Alan Rickman troubled by memories in decorative but hollow Ninagawa drama.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

☐ **TRAVELLING TALES:** John Sessions in sprightly, mind-hopping show based on his television series, *Tall Tales*.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.45pm. 120mins.

☑ **A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS:** Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

☐ **WHEN SHE DANCED:** Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). . . ☑ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☑ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

LONDON CITY BALLET: Despite its small size and limited resources, London City Ballet now regularly has leading dancers from Moscow and Leningrad as members or guests. The company's considerable success last season has been followed by a large-scale sponsorship package from Barclays Bank. The new touring season brings a new production of *Romeo & Juliet*, choreographed by Ben Stevenson.
Theatre Royal, New Road, Brighton (0273 28488), 7.30pm.

MOSCOW LA CLASSIQUE BALLET: One of three Moscow ballet companies visiting Britain this autumn (the Moscow City Ballet is currently touring here and the Moscow Festival Ballet is due shortly), this young company features guest dancers from the Kirov and Bolshoi companies. An 11-week nationwide tour kicks off in Southampton with two of the most popular works from the classical repertoire, *The Nutcracker* and *Cinderella*. With the Moscow City Radio Orchestra.
Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 333001), 7.30pm.

RICHARD II: Alex Jennings gives an interesting examination of the complex and erratic character of the King in Ron Daniels's production for the Royal Shakespeare Company, first seen at Stratford last November. The production is staged by the team behind the RSC's successful production of *Hamlet*, with Mark Rylance. Opening night.
Barbican Theatre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7pm.

NORWEGIAN VICTORIA MUSIC FESTIVAL: Throughout the week St John's houses a festival dedicated to lifting the profile of Norwegian music and musicians. Tonight, the Trondheim Soloists Chamber Orchestra under Bjarne Fiskum performs works by Bjorklund and Johnasen. The highlight is on Friday when soprano Anne-Lise Bernsten, likened to Birgit Nilsson, sings songs by Mussorgsky, Strauss, John Kvandal and Mahler.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), 7.30pm.

RONNIE MATHEWS: First of six concerts by this high-calibre jazz pianist, in the style of McCoy Tyner and Herbie Hancock (former eldsman to Freddie Hubbard, Art Blakey and Dexter Gordon to name a few).
Tenor Clef, Hoxton Square, London N1 (071-729 2476), 9pm.

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 22

THAIRM
(c) An intestine, hence catgut for fiddle strings, from Old English *thearm* : "He that has a wide thairm, had never a long arm."

SUBTRIST
(a) Somewhat sad, not as fully sad as as sad, from the Latin *sub-* a diminutive, somewhat + *tristis* sad; Sir Walter Scott: "You look subtrist and melancholy."

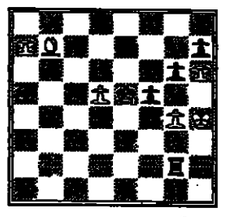
ROCAMBOLE
(c) A species of leek, *Allium Scorodoprasum*, used as a seasoning for dishes, Spanish garlic, sand-leek, cf. German *rockenbolle*, obscure origin; Evelyn: "A light touch on the dish, much better supply'd by the gentler recambole."

DESMAN
(c) An aquatic insectivorous mammal, of the genus *Myogale*, nearly allied to the shrew-mouse but larger, which inhabits the rivers of Russia, chiefly the Volga and Don, and secretes a sort of musk, from the Swedish *desman-ratta* musk-rat: "The tail of the desman of Muscovy is sought for as a perfume."

CHESS MOVES

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Emma — Martin, British Championship, Eastbourne 1991. Black seems to be in trouble as white is about to promote a pawn. However, the white king is vulnerable and this gives black a chance. Can you see what he played?



Solution 1 ... Kh1 2 Kh3 (2 e8/Q Kg4+ mating or 2 Qxb5 g5! and white is still caught in the mating net) 2 ... Rxa7 and black wins easily

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LON. PALLADIUM 24hr BO CC £1 per Tkt Srvc chg 071 494 5020 (bkg fee) 379 4444. Grps 071 494 5484. (24hr bkg fee) 497 9977 793 1000 Andrew Lloyd Webber's "exuberant new production" Std of "The Sins & Andrew Lloyd Webber's Palladium Blockbuster" Gdn JOSEPH & the AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT Starring JASON DONOVAN Dir by STEVEN PIMLOTT Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30 APPLY TO BO FOR RETURNS NOW BOOKING TO MAY 1992

LYRIC, Shaftes Ave BO & cc 071 494 5045 cc 379 4444 All tel lines 24hr/7 days (bkg fee) The Joint Never Stops Jumpin FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE THE OLIVIER AWARD WINNING MUSICAL OUTSTANDING ENTERTAINMENT OF THE YEAR BEST CHOREOGRAPHER Charles Augins Mon-Thu 8 Fri & Sat at 6 & 8.45 NOW BOOKING TO JAN 92 LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 081 741 2311 cc no bkg fee 071 836 3464) Lyric Hammersmith presents THE KNICKERS, a banned and brutally funny comedy. Eves 7.45pm. Mats Wed 2.30 & Sat 4pm STUDIO: Mandrake Theatre Company's ON WELL (double bill by Mamet (fairground) Eves 8pm. Thru 7pm, Sat mat 4.30pm.

NATIONAL THEATRE BO 071 928 2252 Grps 071 620 0741: 24 hr cc bkg fee 071 497 9977 OLIVIER Ton't Tomor 7.15 THE MISER by Moliere LYTTELTON Ton't 7.30 Tomor 2.15 & 7.30 NAPOLI MILIONARIA by de Filippo PLATFORM PERF Today 6pm JOHN ARDEN/Playwright NEW LONDON Drury Lane BO 071 405 0072 CC 071 404 4079 /24hr 379 4444 Grps 930 6123 Tickets from Piccadilly Travel THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER / T.S. ELIOT INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNING MUSICAL CATS Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.00 AIR CONDITIONED THEATRE LATECOMERS NOT ADMIT ONCE WHOLE AUDITORIUM IS IN MOTION. PLEASE BE PROMPT. Bars open at 6.45 LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

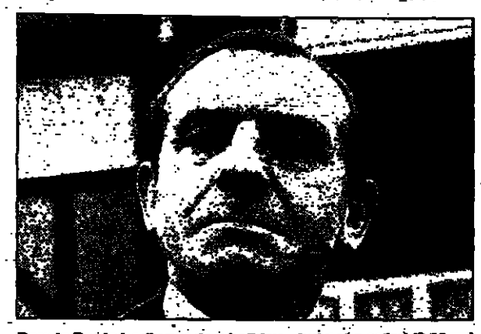
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PICCADILLY BO 071 867 1118 cc (no bkg fee) 071 867 1111 cc (bkg fee) 071 497 9977 379 4444 Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00 "YUKIO MISHIMA'S masterly new production" Gdn TANGO AT THE END OF WINTER by KUNIO SHIMIZU English adaptation by PETER BARNES "magnificently served by the ensemble" ALAN RICKMAN/ G Herald LIMITED SEASON

PLAYHOUSE BO & cc 071-839 4401 cc First Call 24hr 071 379 9463 (no bkg fee) PETER HALL COMPANY FIONA SHAW In The Abbey Theatre Dublin production HEDDA GABLER by IBSEN Dir by DEBORAH WARNER "Majestic, disquieting and unforgettable" S. Times Mon-Sat 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 MI GROUP PLAYHOUSE

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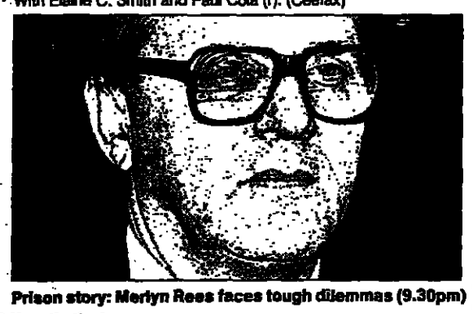
6.00 Ceefax
6.30 **BBC Breakfast News.** Begins with *Business Breakfast* with the business and financial news from around the world. At 8.55 Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando present news and topical features, with regular business sport, weather, regional news and traffic bulletins
9.05 **Perfect Strangers.** American comedy series **9.30 Farrell's Travels.** Nigel Farrell travels the length and breadth of the land meeting people with unusual pastimes (r)
10.00 **News,** regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays 10.25 Stoppit and Tidyup.** Cartoon series narrated by Terry Wogan **10.35 Raggedy Ann and Andy.** Animated adventures of two rag dolls
11.00 **News,** regional news and weather **11.05 Our House.** American sitcom (r) **11.55 Reviving Antiques.** John FitzMaurice Mills with advice on restoring pastels
12.00 **News,** regional news and weather **12.05 The Garden Party.** Magazine series from Glasgow's Botanic Gardens. Today's guests include Robert Robinson, who is interviewed by Mavis Nicholson, and flautist James Galway. Presented by Debbie Greenwood, Larry Sullivan and Denis Tuohy **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 **One O'Clock News** and weather
1.30 **Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) **1.50 Four Square.** Quiz game show hosted by John Sachs (r)
2.15 **Film: Starstruck** (1973). Likeable family film starring Harry Secombe as a lost-in-love schoolteacher who decides to emigrate to Australia to continue his career in the sun. Directed by James Gilbert
3.50 **Poddington Peas.** Cartoon series (r) **3.55 Radio Roo.** Episode one of a five-part children's comedy serial (r) (s) **4.10 Heathcliff with Cats and Co.** Cartoon (r) **4.35 What's That Noise?** The first of a new series in which Tony Gregory explores the world's music. With Jason Donovan, Galliano and the Stetson Sisters (s)
5.00 **Newsround**
5.10 **Grange Hill.** Episode one of a 20-part serial set in a secondary school (r) (s)
5.35 **Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. Weather
6.30 **Regional news magazines.** Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 **Every Second Counts.** A new series of the fast-moving game show for couples, presented by Paul Daniels
7.30 **EastEnders.** Tragedy strikes in Albert Square when a figure emerges from the shadows armed with a knife. (Ceefax) (s)



Reggie Perrin badly needs a holiday...but not a safari (8.00pm)

8.00 **The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin.** The late Leonard Rossiter stars in David Nobbs's manic comedy from the 1970s, here spending a nightmare afternoon in a safari park (r). (Ceefax)
8.30 **Two Point Four Children.** Andrew Marshall's sharp-edged comedy about a harassed working housewife, starring Belinda Lang and Gary Olsen. (Ceefax) (s)
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 **Specially Selected Canned Carrott.** Compilation series of Jasper Carrott's last *Canned Carrott* series. With Steve Punt, Hugh Dennis and special guest Robert Powell. (Ceefax)
10.15 **Film 91 with Barry Norman.** A new series returns with reviews of *Regarding Henry*, starring Harrison Ford, Arnold Schwarzenegger's *Terminator 2* and *Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves* starring Kevin Costner. Plus a location report from Paris about David Puttnam's *Meeting Venus* which stars Glenn Close
10.45 **Film: Chiller** (1985) starring Michael Beck, Beatrice Straight and Paul Sorvino. Effective TV horror movie about a young man who returns to life after being accidentally defrosted from cyrogenic suspension and goes on a homicidal rampage. Directed by *Nightmare of Elm Street's* Wes Craven. Northern Ireland: Ulster in Focus 11.05-12.45am Film: Southern Comfort
12.15am **Weather**
NB: (s) indicates stereo

6.45 **Open University:** Light on Lasers **7.10** Living with Technology: A Foundation Course. Ends at **7.35**
8.00 **News**
8.15 **The Gun.** Series on the history of firearms (r)
8.30 **The Journey.** Playwright Peter Terson and reporter Dennis Skillcorn continue their travels by gypsy caravan along the pilgrim's way from Winchester to Canterbury. This morning they encounter rush-hour traffic followed by the peace and quiet of the river track near Alresford (r)
9.00 **A Fisherman's Diary.** Derek Law is on the River Wharfe for the start of the trout fishing season and then travels to the Tweed for early spring salmon (r)
9.30 **Liberal Democrats Conference '91**
12.55 **The Famous Teddy Z.** American comedy series (s)
1.20 **Johnson and Friends.** Puppet series **1.30 Barney.** Cartoon (r)
1.35 **Discovering Birds.** Tony Soper on the delights of birdwatching (r)
2.00 **News** and weather followed by **Look, Stranger.** Tom and Dorothy O'Fee join a hound trail on a remote Lake District fell (r)
2.30 **See Hear** Magazine series for the hearing impaired (r)
3.00 **News** and weather followed by **Born of Fire.** A *National Geographic Society* documentary taking a detailed look at the planet's most devastating natural phenomena **3.50 News,** regional news and weather
4.00 **Film: A Stitch in Time** (1967, b/w). Feable Norman Wisdom comedy about a butcher's assistant who befriends an orphan in hospital but falls foul of the hospital's administrator, who bans him from visiting the young girl, accusing him of being a troublemaker. With Edward Chapman, Jerry Desmonde and Glyn Houston. Directed by Robert Asher
5.30 **Gardeners' World.** A visit to a hillside garden in Shropshire and advice on gardening under glass (r)
6.00 **Film: The Long Ride** (1984) starring John Savage. Efficiently handled second world war drama about an American pilot who bales out over Hungary and travels by horse through enemy-held territory to safety in Yugoslavia. Directed by Pál Gábor
7.35 **Bilko** (b/w) starring Phil Silvers as the fly sergeant. This week he tries to enrol his newly-acquired grandson at Sandford (r)
8.00 **Hear Say.** The last in the six-part series challenging black positions on campaigning issues. Trevor Phillips and a studio audience discuss how Britain's black and white communities are trying to create a new sense of nation to which all people feel they belong. (Ceefax)
8.30 **Wildlife Showcase: Mirrorworld.** This fifth of eight natural history documentaries is Andrew Penniket's film of the permanent ice fields of New Zealand's south island mountain tops and the murky depths of the floor of the fjords. (Ceefax)
9.00 **Rab C. Nesbitt.** Comedy series starring Gergor Fisher as the noisome Mr Nesbitt, this week on holiday in Spain with his family. With Elaine C. Smith and Paul Coia (r). (Ceefax)



Prison story: Merlyn Rees faces tough dilemmas (9.30pm)

9.30 **Hypotheticals**
● CHOICE: After several years as an ITV programme, *Hypotheticals* joins another Granada production, *What the Papers Say*, on BBC2. If such cross-channel transfers can save worthwhile shows that would otherwise die, then all power to them. *Hypotheticals*, in which experts are confronted with fictional but realistic ethical dilemmas, is a good candidate for preservation. Not only does it offer a lively format for exploring serious issues but the high-speed question and answer makes excellent television. *Tonight's programme, the first of three being shown this week*, focuses on the running of prisons and confronts governors, prison officers, a former prisoner and the police with such issues as Aids, *sit-ins and hostage-taking. Vincent Hanna makes an effective* debut as question-firer and the only reservation is the old one of whether 16 "experts" is too many to fit in to a one-hour programme.(Ceefax)
10.30 **Newsnight**
11.15 **The Late Show.** Arts and media magazine (s)
11.55 **Weather**
NB: (s) indicates stereo

5.00 **TV-am**
9.25 **Runway.** Quiz game show hosted by Richard Madeley **9.55** *Thames News and weather*
10.00 **The Time . . . The Place.** Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton
10.40 **This Morning.** Family magazine presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes consumer advice; Anne Ashworth and Nicola Charles answering questions on law and finance; and Annabel Giles on a visit to a lesser known country house. With national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather
12.10 **Rod, Jane and Freddy.** The musical trio go singing in the street (r)
12.30 *News with John Suchet. Weather* **1.10** *Thames News and weather*
1.20 **Home and Away.** (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice.** Australian medical drama serial set in and around an outback town's health centre (s)
2.20 **Take the High Road.** Soap set in the Highlands **2.50 Give Us a Clue.** Celebrity charades game hosted by Michael Parkinson. Today the team captains Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard are joined by Gordon Burns, Gorden Kaye, Bonnie Langford, George Marshall, Hilary O'Neil and Shirin Taylor (s)
3.15 **ITN News** headlines **3.20 Thames News** headlines **3.25 Families.** Soap linking the north of England with Australia (s)
3.55 **Huxley Pig.** Adventures of a contented porker **4.05 The Dreamstone.** Animated fantasy series (r) (s) **4.30 Children's Ward.** Award-winning children's drama series set in a general hospital (r). (Oracle) **5.00 Cartoon**
5.10 **Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz for teenagers. The questionmaster is Bob Holness
5.40 **News** with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 **Thames Help.** John Murray with advice for one-parent families
6.00 **Home and Away** (r). (Oracle)
6.30 **Thames News** (Oracle) and weather
7.00 **Emmerdale.** Topical drama serial set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle)
7.30 **Thames Reports.** Sarah Paget talks to parents in Greenwich, Bexley and Chorley Wood about the consequences of a free market in education; and Sue Crabtree talks to environmental health officials about the government's anti-noise legislation
8.00 **The Bill: Inside Job.** An investigation into a robbery incriminates more people than the *Sun Hill CID* expected. (Oracle)



Toasting France: Anton Rodgers and Julia McKenzie (8.30pm)

8.30 **French Fields.** Cosy comedy starring Julia McKenzie and Anton Rodgers as an English couple living in France. Hester comes to the assistance of a coach load of Britons on a home-buying trip; and William has trouble with the plumbing. (Oracle) (s)
9.00 **Titmuss Regained.** Episode two of John Mortimer's satirical drama starring David Threlfall as the odious Tory MP, Leslie Titmuss (Oracle) (s)
10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather
10.40 **Legacy.** The fourth of Michael Wood's six-part series on the great *civilisations of the world focuses on Egypt. (Oracle) (s)*
11.40 **Prisoner: Cell Block H.** Drama serial set in an Australian women's detention centre
12.30am **Video View.** *The latest video releases reviewed by Mariella* Frostrup
1.00 **The Equalizer.** Former FBI agent McCall (Edward Woodward) comes to the aid of a secret agent whose cover has been blown (r)
2.00 **Donahue.** A discussion on contested divorces
2.50 **Nite Bites.** Late night cookery advice
3.00 **60 Minutes.** Award-winning American news magazine
4.00 **Entertainment UK.** A guide to Britain's entertainment scene
5.00 **Three's Company.** American sitcom starring John Ritter
5.30 **ITN Morning News** presented by Tim Neilson. Ends at **6.00**
NB: (s) indicates stereo

8.00 **The Channel 4 Daily**
9.25 **Caribbean Experience.** The second of two films highlighting a Latin American music festival held in Cuba in 1991
10.30 **CrossTalk.** Young people's discussion series (r)
11.00 **Fragile Earth: Jungle Pharmacy.** How some of today's live-saving drugs were developed from those used by jungle-dwelling "primitives" (r)
12.00 **Kennet and Avon.** The third leg of Timothy West and Prunella Scales's four-part cruise along the Kennet and Avon canal
12.30 **Business Daily 1.00 Sesame Street** (r)
2.00 ***Sufism: The Heart of Islam.*** *The second of three films on Sufism*
2.30 **Film: Oscar Wilde** (1959, b/w). Robert Morley takes the title role in a strongly acted drama tracing the rise and fall of the Irish playwright and wit. With Phyllis Calvert, John Neville, Ralph Richardson and Dennis Price. Directed by Gregory Ratoff
4.20 **Way to the Top.** Dutch puppet animation **4.30 Countdown** (s)
5.00 **Owl TV.** Children's wildlife series presented by Michaela Strachan. Today's edition includes a visit to Emmen zoo in The Netherlands and to a parrot-breeding centre in Cambridgeshire (Teletext)
5.30 **Class by Class.** Series investigating the evolution of class distinction in Britain (r). (Teletext)
6.00 **My Two Dads.** The first of a re-run for the dire American comedy
6.30 **Happy Days.** Enduring American teenage comedy
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather
7.50 **Comment**
8.00 **Stories from an African Hospital.**
● CHOICE: *What with Hospital Watch, Jimmy's* and *Casualty*, viewers may feel they have had enough of hospital programmes. This six-part series offers a fresh perspective by taking the cameras to Ghana and a teaching hospital in the market town of Mumasi. To an extent it is a familiar tale of waiting lists, overcrowding and lack of resources. But on top of all that Ghana has no health service and most people, however poor, must pay for their treatment. In tonight's film producer/director Ian Taylor concentrates on Abiem, a boy of about ten (though he claims to be 15) suffering from lack of food and a dangerous kidney condition. He has admitted himself, after selling nuts to pay the bill. With his father dead and his mother gone away the hospital becomes home. Taylor weaves in two other stories, of an 18-year-old brought in after collapsing in the street and an old man having an eye operation



Paying for his own treatment: the story of Abiem Danso (8.00pm)

9.00 **Rear Window: The Art of Komar and Melamid.**
● CHOICE: Professor of film Peter Wollen practises what he teaches with a portrait of a delightfully off-centre pair of Soviet artists, Vitaly Komar and Alexander Melamid. They met as students while taking anatomy classes. In the morgue they toasted a corpse in brandy and have continued in similar vein. They pioneered their Soviet version of pop art in something called the Bulldozer Show, but this was the Brezhnev era and the KGB was not amused. They emigrated to the United States, became capitalists and set up a company buying and selling souls. One of their few customers was their guru, Andy Warhol. Wollen's film interviews the pair in New York and catches up on recent work. Having parodied socialist realism in the Soviet Union they are taking a similarly sceptical view of their adopted country, taking their inspiration from such icons of consumerism as a washing machine rusting in a field
9.45 **Re-Play: After the Party.** A select party comes to an abrupt end when an unwelcome guest appears (r)
10.00 **Silence Like Glass** (1989) starring George Peppard and Gayle Hunnicutt. Moving made-for-television drama based on the true story of the friendship between two young cancer patients — one a cultured ballet dancer, the other a rough working class girl. With Jami Gertz and Martha Plimpton. Directed by Carl Schenkel
12.00 **The Dick Powell Theatre: The Hook** (b/w). American drama series. A top attorney teams up with a former gang leader to convict a drugs dealer. Starring Ed Begley, Ray Danton and Robert Loggia
12.55am **Clark Terry — Big Bad Band.** The former Duke Ellington trumpeter and his band in concert. Ends at **1.55**
NB: (s) indicates stereo

ITV REGIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Anglia News 7.30-8.00 A Green Day Out

BORDER
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 *Sons and Daughters* 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Tuesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Way of the Lakes 11.40 Film: Charley Varrick 1.40 Special Squad 2.35 Video View 3.05 60 Minutes 3.55 Night Beat 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Central News 7.30-8.00 *Jimmy's* 11.40 Film: This Ville for Hire 1.25 CinemAttractions 1.55 60 Minutes 2.50 Film: Rogue's Yarn 4.20-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91.

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 7.30-8.00 Tuesday Special: Crackdown 11.40 Film: Charley Varrick 1.40 Special Squad 2.35 Video View 3.05 60 Minutes 3.55 Night Beat 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

GRANADA
As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 7.30-8.00 Quest 11.40 Film: Charley Varrick 1.40 Special Squad 2.35 Video View 3.05 60 Minutes 3.55 Night Beat 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Sullivans 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Money Week

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Trail Blazers

SCOTTISH
As London except: 1.50pm Blockbusters 2.20pm-2.50 The Sullivans 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 *Trailblazers 7.30-8.00 Jimmy's* 11.40 The Equalizer 12.40 Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War 1.10 Married...With Children 1.40 60 Minutes 2.40 Raw Power 3.40 The Twilight Zone 4.10 The Guldenburg Inheritance 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 An Invitation To Remember (Gordon Jackson) 3.23-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 8.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Great British Isles 11.40 Film: Charley Varrick 1.40 Special Squad 2.35 Video View 3.05 60 Minutes 3.55 Night Beat 4.55 Jobfinder 5.00-5.30 Farming Week

TVS
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Tell the Truth 11.40-12.30 Hardball

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Seeing Stars 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.40 Film: Charley Varrick 1.40 Special Squad 2.35 Video View 3.05 60 Minutes 3.55 Night Beat 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 *Sons and Daughters* 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Once Upon A Place 11.40 Film: Charley Varrick 1.40 Special Squad 2.35 Video View 3.05 60 Minutes 3.55 Night Beat 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Graham Kerr 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Ted 11.40 Almost Grown 12.35 Crime Story 1.35 Video 2.00 60 Minutes 3.00 Music Box 4.00 About Britain 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 8.00am *C4 Daily* 9.25 *Sbectel* 9.30 Sesame Street 10.30 Film: The Mikado" (Kenny Baker, Martyn Green, Constance Willis) 12.00 Kennet and Avon 12.30 *Newyddion* 12.40 *Slot Meithrin* 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Women of Wisdom 2.30 Trespass Against Us 3.30 Wagon Train" 4.30 I Love Lucy" 5.00 The Lone Ranger" 5.30 The Henderson Kids 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Penawde 7.00 Fe Hoffwn I 7.30 Paku Misen 8.00 Art is Dead Long Live TV 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Caruso 9.55 The Golden Girls 10.25 Violent Lives 11.25 Mona Lisa of the Galilee 11.55 Prophet and Loss 12.00 The Dick Powell Theatre 12.55 Clark Terry 1.55 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 3.10pm News followed by Perry Mason 4.05 News followed by Kate and Allie 4.35 Clayhanger 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 *The Angelus* 6.01 *Six-One* 6.30 Youth Lifestyles 7.05 Katie and Dog 7.30 Portrait from Provence 8.00 Jeeves and Wooster 9.00 News 9.20 Garret Fitzgerald — A Profile 10.20 Grand Ole Opry 10.45 Lou Grant 11.35 News 11.45 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.00 The Beachcombers 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuscht 7.00 The Nature of Things 7.30 Empty Nest 8.00 News followed by Larry Gogan's *Golden Hour* 9.00 American Dreamer 9.25 News followed by Gabriel's *Fire* 10.25 *Playing with Fire* 11.15 News 11.40 Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Stardust and Sawdust: Smiling Through. Henry Livings reminisces about life in the theatre (4 of 5) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: Should the *Church of England split?* 071-580 4411
10.00 News; Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts
10.30 Morning Story: Destiny Waltz, by Daphne Glazer. Read by Judith Barker
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Something to Celebrate. Eight couples gather in Margate to renew their marriage vows (s) (r)
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent
11.50 Cherry Blossom Blues: Sayenora for Now. Welsh writer Alun Richards concludes his account of life in Japan
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past: Robert Booth and guests with a light-hearted perusal of the past (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Jenni Mills investigates the world of the agony aunts and problem pages; and a look at Lloyd Loom furniture
3.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: *Meeting Across the River*, by Joanne Reardon. A small-time thief with big ambitions steps out of his league (s)
3.32 The Tingle Factor: Robin Ray asks Sir Roy Strong about the moments in music that send a shiver down his spine
4.00 News
4.05 *A Schoolboy at the Court of King Arthur*
● CHOICE: What symbol is used at the beginning of films distributed by the Rank Organisation? Getting the answer right helped me through to the second round of a television quiz called *Fifteen to One*, but, alas, no further. Colin Sorenson triggers the memory as he recalls the great days of Denham film studios, acquired in 1939 by J. Arthur Rank and closed in 1953. Sorenson haunted the place from 1942 as a schoolboy and harks back to classic films such as *Brief Encounter* and *Great Expectations*. It was a muscular chap banging a gong who introduced those great movies (s)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Paul Vaughan discusses the new book releases of the week, including Don DeLillo's *Mao II*: and jazz pianist Julian Joseph plays live (s)
5.00 *PM* 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 *Trivia Test Match: Brian* Johnston umpires another test of trivia and general knowledge (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Relative Values: The Carews. Michael O'Donnell concludes his exploration into shifting attitudes to family life in Britain (s) (r)
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Miss Nightingale's Best and Dearest Pupil: Malcolm Jones tells the story of Agnes Jones, Florence Nightingale's emissary to the workhouse in Liverpool
8.45 In Touch: Magazine for the visually handicapped
9.15 *Kaleidoscope (s) (r)*
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 *The World Tonight (s)*
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Story Poems. Read by Tom Courtenay, Dorothy Tutin, Deborah Findlay and Linus Roache (s)
11.00 *Out of Order*: Patrick Hannan chairs the political quiz, with MPs Julian Critchley and Austin Mitchell and guests (s)
11.30 Back to the Delta: The traditional jazz revival in Britain began in the late 1940s. Alyn Shipton charts its progress (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Barnaby Jones 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Centur 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Doctor, Doctor 8.00 Film: Born to Be Sold (1981) 10.00 *Love at First Sigh*t: 10.30 Werewolf 11.00 Police Story 12.00 Monsters 12.30am Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
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SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase, *Incl at 8.40 Entertainment Tonight*
10.00 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988): Steve Martin and Michael Caine star as the two seductive con men working the South of France. Starring Glenne Headly
12.00 Options (1988) A Hollywood agent comes to the rescue when a jungle princess is kidnapped in Africa. Starring Joanna Pacula and John Kani
2.00pm Sacred Ground (1983): A trapper and his Apache wife fight over their son born on a sacred Indian burial ground. Starring Tim McIntire
4.00 Battle Beyond the Stars (1980): Space warriors save a peace loving planet. Starring Richard Thomas and John Saxon
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Rockula (1990): Comedy about a teenage vampire who tries to lose his virginity. Starring Dean Cameron, Tawny Fare, Bo Diddley and Thomas Dolby
8.00 Everybody's All-American (1988): The story of three longtime friends. Dennis Quaid, Jessica Lange and Timothy Hutton.
10.00 Red Heat (1988): Arnold Schwarzenegger stars as the top Soviet agent who tracks down a drugs baron in the US. Starring James Belushi and Peter Boyle
11.55 The Krays (1990): The story of the East London Kray twins. Starring Gary and Martin Kemp
1.55am Colors (1987): Two cops battle the street gangs of Los Angeles. Starring Sean Penn and Robert Duvall
4.05 Fighting Mad (1976): Peter Fonda stars as the Arkansas farmer who takes on the crooked land-owners. Starring Lynn Lowry. Ends at 5.35

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.15am Transformers — *The Movie* (1986): Animated film. Featuring the voices of Leonard Nimoy, Judd Nelson and Orson Welles
9.15 Tom Alone (1990): Tom Bradshow travels across Canada in search of his father who has been falsely accused of murder. Starring Noam Zylbermain
10.15 The Girl in Room 17 (1953): A day with US police captain Edward G Robinson. Starring Paulette Goddard
12.00 Dead Ringer (1964): Bette Davis stars as the bad twin who kills her sister and tries to take over her life. Starring Karl Malden and Peter Lawford
2.00pm Mr Smith Goes to Washington (1939, b/w): James Stewart plays an idealistic politician .
4.15 *Vincent and Me (1990): A young girl* becomes involved in art fraud. Starring Nina Petronzio
6.15 Columbo: Murder — A Self-Portrait (1990): Peter Falk looks for clues in a painting. Starring Patrick Baucheu
8.15 The "Burbs (1989): Tom Hanks and Bruce Dern star as the suspicious neighbours
10.05 Tales from the Crypt (1989): Three tales of terror. Starring Larry Drake
11.30 Sisters (1988): A boy gets too involved with his girlfriend's sisters. Starring Jennifer Connelly and Patrick Dempsey
1.05am Sticky Fingers (1988): Two girls find a suitcase full of money. Starring Helen Slater and Melanie Mayron
2.35 The Thief Who Came to Dinner (1973): Ryan O'Neal stars as the romantic jewel thief. Starring Jacqueline Bisset. Ends at 4.15

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 10.30am Aerobics 11.00 *Super Trax* 12.00 Netbusters 12.30pm British Rugby League 2.30 Fishing the West 3.00 US Open Tennis 5.00 American Sports Cavalcade 6.00 Italian League Football 8.00 German Rally 9.00 The Footballer's Football Show 1.00am German Rally 2.00 US Open Tennis

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Rythmic Gymastics 3.00 Football 4.30 Motocross Italy 5.00 Waterskiing 6.00 Offshore Italy 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Car Racing *8.00 Equestrian Show Jumping 9.00* Basketball 10.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobics 7.30 Revs 9.00 IAF Grand *Prix Athletics 9.30 Eurobics 10.00 Stop-*USWA Wrestling 11.00 Motor Sport 11.30 Spanish Football Highlights 12.00 Diesel Jeans Superbike 1.00pm Powersports International 2.00 Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 3.00 Fight Night at the Forum 4.00 International Basketball 5.00 Stop-Four Men Beach Volleyball 5.45 Tele-Schuss '92 6.00 Pro Superbike 6.30 German Tennis 8.00 FIA World Rally Championships 9.00 Live Matchroom Pro Box 10.00 IAAF Grand Prix Athletics 11.30 Canada Cup Ice Hockey

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Great Chefs of San Francisco 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Body *Talk 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The* Edge of Night 2.05 Video Walls 2.30 Lifestyle Plus 2.40 Focus on Britain 3.10 White Shadow 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Beverly Hills Buntz 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 5.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision *Shopping Programme 12.00* Satellite Jukebox

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Paul McKenna: Let's Do Lunch 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 5.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Neale James's Evening Session 9.00 Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow? The Girl Group Explosion (3 of 5) *10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am Bob Harris (FM* only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Sarah Kennedy 4.00 Alan Titchmarsh 5.05 John Dunn's Answers *Please 7.00 The Marx* Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel: Michael Roberts and Frank Lazarus star as Groucho and Chico Marx. (r) 7.30 Jan Leeming 8.00 The Victorians: Home Sweet Home (1 of 3) 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Bill Rennells with Night Ride 3.00-4.00am A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and Sport on the hour until 7.00pm. 6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 9.00 It's Your School 9.35 For Schools: English Resources; 9.55 English Study Texts 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Guy Michelmore with Sound Advice: Aid for the disabled, plus It's Your School. Tel: 0345 909693 12.00 It's Your School Choosing a school. *Tel: 0345 909693 1.15pm* 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.30 BFBS Worldwide: Simon and the Squad 2.30 World Service: Health Matters; 2.45 Europe's World; 3.05 Outlook; 3.30 The World of Books; 4.05 Birth of a Nation 4.35 Five Aside *7.20 Kiss the Dust: The Kurdish family continues its fight to safety.* Jacquetta May reads the second episode of Elizabeth Laird's ten-part story 7.35 The Legendary Series: Wyatt Earp (5 of 6) 8.00 Popcall 9.00 Multitrack 3 9.30 Box 13: Murder or Suicide, Take Your Choice 10.00 News: Sport 10.10 Earshot, incl at 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News and Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.09 24 Hours 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Rock Salad 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours; *News Summary 8.30 New Ideas 8.50 Tales of Earth and Water 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith* 9.15 From the Proms 10.00 News 10.09 World Business Report five 10.15 Journey to the Centre of the Earth 10.30 Europe's World 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Discovery 11.30 *Londres Midi* 11.45 *Mittagsmagazin* 11.59 Travel News 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Megamix 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 1 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook Live 3.30 Off the Shelf: The War of the Worlds 3.45 English Songsmiths. 2 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 5.14 The World Today 6.29 News Summary 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Development '91 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith *9.30 Melodien 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15* From the Proms 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Omnibus 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Bright Moon of the Season 2.45 Country Style 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Development '91 4.00 News 4.09 News *About Britain 4.15 Discovery 4.45 News and Press Review in German*

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BRITISH HORSES ARE STILL SUFFERING

We were called to rescue two terribly neglected horses from a bleak, remote farm. Both were just skin and bone and one, Lizzie, could not even stand. She was infested with lice, had worms and a deep wound was still oozing pus.



Lizzie, unable to stand.

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Croatia calls up rag-tag reserves

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lightly armed, quickly marshalled forces and the firepower of a professional army, should the fighting develop into full-scale war does not seem to have penetrated their fervent devotion to the Croatian cause.

Among themselves, the Croatian command complain that President Tudjman has placed too much emphasis on fruitless negotiation and not enough on preparing for war. That has changed over the past week, with even civilians now on an expectant war footing.

The musty labyrinth of tunnels more than a mile in length which stretches beneath the old town has been cleaned and reopened as a shelter in case Zagreb itself should be bombed. Dug during the second world war as an air-raid shelter and last used when American forces bombed the city in 1944, the tunnel could house 4,000 people in the event of attack.

Sand bags are also being delivered in the picturesque, narrow alleyways around the cathedral. The residents are insulating their windows with cardboard.

The man in charge of civil defence is Zvonimir Cervenko, once a colonel in the federal army until he was dismissed and imprisoned for exhibiting unacceptable Croatian nationalism.

He has no qualms about fighting against his old colleagues in what he calls "Serbia's private army". In the past few weeks he has created 144,000 places in air-raid shelters for the city's population of a million. He says he prays nightly that the conflict will not spread to include the bombing of the cities.

"Like all good Croats, I put my faith in the Almighty," he said, "but my warning voice also tells me it is time to get the sandbags in."

Macedonia vote, page 11

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Those who have always dreamt of owning a pub should be seeing their bank managers: as breweries are forced by law to sell licensed premises, the prices are becoming more realistic and, as Rodney Hobson reports, there are some good deals on tap

Absent friends cast no pall over Lib Dems' party

CHRIS HARRIS

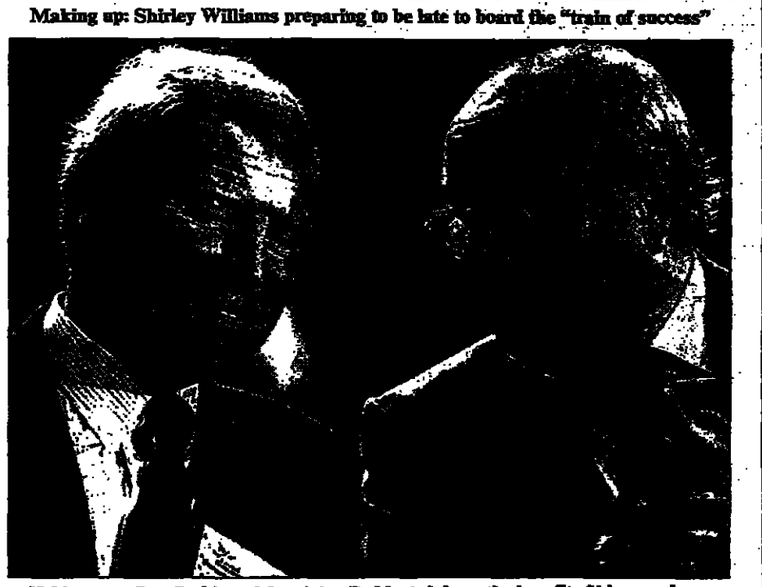


Reflective mood: David Owen on the Commons Terrace at the launch yesterday of his autobiography *Time to Declare*. His mischievous sense of timing meant that he was not forgotten by his former colleagues, but conference sales of the book had totalled seven at midday on the second day; Roy Jenkins's book, set alongside and at the same price, has been selling well

TIM BISHOP



Making up: Shirley Williams preparing to be late to board the "train of success"



Taking note: Roy Jenkins, right, giving Paddy Ashdown the benefit of his experience

THE mayor of Bournemouth, councillor Lionel Bennett, is a jolly, bonsai version of Des Wilson. Beaming a welcome yesterday, he told us he was only the second ever labour mayor there: "My presence here should encourage you to believe that all things are possible." Apparently last time the ruling Tory group elected a Labour mayor was during the war. Word had spread that if the Germans invaded, all civic mayors would be shot.

But now Liberal democRats control the seaside resort, and "the sun," gurgled their president, Charles Kennedy MP, "is shining on our improved opinion poll ratings". Just the tiniest cloud was provided by the absent Dr Owen and his book launch, but delegates were not letting that spoil the fun. "Leaving politics?" said one, " I do hope he means it." And *everyone* was determined to go to

Conference sketch

Matthew Parris
in Bournemouth

Roy Jenkins's rival book launch that afternoon, though few expected to understand it.

Besides, this was no time for ill will. The aim, said Kennedy, "is to bring the luminosity of truth to bear on our proceedings". Upon what, then, should the luminosity of truth be brought to bear first?

Liberal Democrats chose to begin by discussing the cost of the "free" conference creche. £4,000 for some 20 kids meant about £200 per child. From the chair, Sir William Goodhart considered it would be wrong for parents to contribute. Everyone clapped.

After that, it was hard to think of anything quite as important. But a lady in pink power-padded shoulders called for a greater role for women in public life, and to deplore Mrs Thatcher, etc, which occupied a merry hour. Then the real debate began ...

Flying, arrow-like, to the heart of electoral concern, the Liberal Democrats debated slavery. Chris Walmsley led the dicussion.

Every conference finds Mr Walmsley somewhat enlarged from the year before. We watch, now, as he did to his topic what his digestive processes have done to him. Slavery grew, billowing before our eyes. There were, "over two hundred million slaves worldwide" and "10 to 20 million" slaves in India. Brazil was full of slaves. Dominica was positively teeming with them. There were "200,000" slaves in Portugal ...

... and — you guessed? But we trail badly in the league of slave ownership. There are only a measley "3,000" slaves in Britain.

The penny dropped. He did not mean slavery, but "labour under duress". As the rattle of manacles in Belgravia receded, disappointment grew. "Some people," gasped Walmsley, "are *forced* to work, to pay off *debts*." An *Independent* journalist beside me gave a sympathetic sigh.

Mr Walmsley began outlining legislative proposals for "slave-free labelling" by an incoming liberal government. But I had to leave, believing this to be the hour when (according to the Daily Synopsis of "photo opportunities" supplied to the press) "the Rt. Hon Shirley Williams" would "board the train of success" at the East Cliff promenade. I was mistaken: the train did not leave until after lunch. With Mrs Williams's luck, though, she was still late.

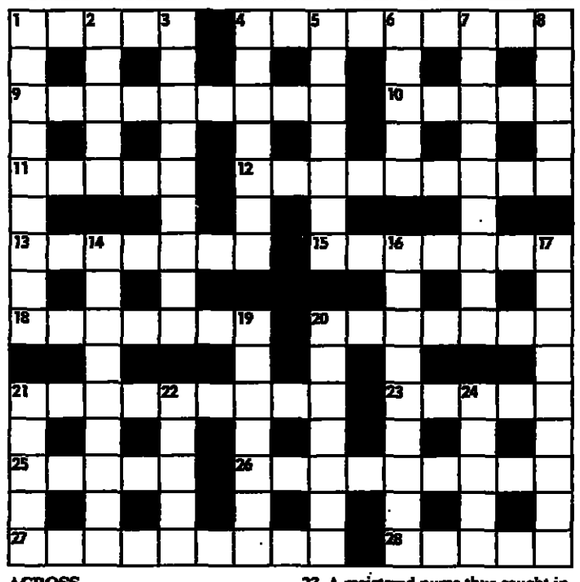
What next? Should I save myself for Jane Ashdown, Matthew Taylor and "a two-metre high rabbit", climbing into a "human sized battery cage" together? We know who of the trio is married to Paddy Ashdown, but which is the liberal education spokesman — Taylor, or the rabbit?

I opted for a fringe meeting sponsored by the British Association for Shooting and Conservation, entitled "Shooting — Friend of the Countryside". Here I observed the closest the Liberal Democrats come to blood sports. The quarry — a Scottish solicitor flanked by two young men in suits, one with broad shoulders and the other narrow, but both with eyes rather close together — were ritually humiliated, baited, and poked at for an hour. When one of them whispered something about "intimate snaring", it was too much for a delegate ...

"I spent many years shooting myself ..." he protested. From 100 Liberal Democrats came a rueful chuckle. They knew just what he meant.

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,707



ACROSS

1 Continental vessel rounding West Indies, heading south (5).
4 Urban dwellers know lofts can be converted (9).
9 One about average is wearing nothing unique (9).
10 Deserved to be taken to task (5).
11 Unfeeling Republican gets himself in a mess (5).
12 Detectives in Bedale, perhaps, with capacity for being determined (9).
13 Dark-complexioned, but self-conscious about skin abnormality (7).
15 The Crosby brothers, dancing up and down (7).
18 Brother or sister hang about in the same passage (7).
20 Pin supplied lest torn clothing is included (7).
21 "The Case of the Cabinet Minister"? (9).
23 A registered nurse thus caught in crime (5).
25 Animal's crumpled horn — one or two (5).
26 Some say precipitate action may cause a storm (9).
27 On horseback, King Edward beat a retreat (9).
28 Most suitable pen, by the sound of it (5).

DOWN

1 Extremely sketchy directions about the people present in unions(9).
2 Wrongdoer executed or shot (5).
3 Strung-out sort of junction? (9).
4 Time to compose duet, say (7).
5 Mowgli's brother once urged to do his best? (4-3).
6 Scrap dropped when crossing river (5).
7 Ale out east — it's brewed for a Russian liberal (9).
8 Sort of anchor disliked generally, though not entirely (5).
14 Fruit bun I agree to cook (9).
16 Cheat at game held by transport officer? (9).
17 Inexperienced band keeps the city at bay (5,4).
19 Noble knight upholding a king in tribal territory (7).
20 Discipline — that is to say nothing to press (7).
21 Did he honeymoon with Helen here? (5).
22 Bloomers get one Democrat banished from state (5).
24 Archbishop understands society jargon (5).

Concise crossword page 19

Solution to Puzzle No 18,706

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WORD WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

THAIRM
a. Scotch hot air
b. An irregular soldier
c. An intestine

SUBTRIST
a. Pretty sad
b. A provisional rendezvous
c. An under verger

ROCAMBOLE
a. Tango Rock 'n' Roll
b. Meat and vegetable casserole
c. A plant like garlic

DESMAN
a. A surety for bail
b. The executioner
c. An aquatic insectivore

Answers on page 20

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WEATHER

Patchy fog will clear by mid-morning over England and Wales, followed by sunny periods over central and southern areas, with a chance of a light shower. Northern England will be cloudy, possibly with patchy rain by evening. Northern Scotland will see sunny periods and showers. Southern Scotland and Northern Ireland will be bright before cloud and patchy rain. Outlook: mainly dry with sunny periods. Colder.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

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Alaccio	27	81	f	Madrid	29	84	s
Alcrotiri	29	84	s	Majorca	29	84	s
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Malaga	27	81	s
Algiers	33	91	s	Malta	27	81	f
Amst'dm	19	66	c	Melb'rne	17	63	s
Athens	25	77	f	Mexico C*	21	70	s
Bahrain	35	95	s	Miami*	29	84	f
Bangkok	32	90	f	Milan	28	73	s
Barbados*	30	86	f	Montreal*	24	75	f
Barcelna	26	79	s	Moscow	10	50	r
Beirut	27	81	s	Munich	20	68	s
Belgrade	19	66	s	Naples	28	82	s
Berlin	17	63	c	N Delhi	31	88	s
Bermuda*	29	84	r	N York*	30	86	s
Biarritz	27	81	s	Nice	26	79	s
Borde'x	26	79	s	Oslo	17	63	f
Brussels	21	70	s	Paris	25	77	s
Budapst	20	68	f	Peking	29	84	s
B Aires*	16	61	s	Perth	15	52	s
Cairo	32	90	s	Prague	18	64	f
Chicago*	26	82	f	Reykjavik	9	48	s
Chr'church	14	57	s	Rhodes	26	82	s
Cologne	21	70	s	Rio de J	22	72	s
C'phagn	17	63	f	Riyadh	42	108	s
Corfu	26	79	s	Rome	27	81	s
Dublin	17	63	f	Salzburg	21	70	s
Dubrovnik	23	73	s	S F'risco*	19	66	s
Faro	25	77	s	Santiago*	22	72	s
Florence	28	82	s	S Paulo*	25	77	f
Frankfurt	22	72	f	Seoul	29	84	c
Funchal	27	81	f	St'kholm	13	55	s
Geneva	25	77	s	Strasb'rg	24	75	s
Gibraltar	28	82	s	Sydney	18	64	c
Helsinki	12	54	c	Tangier	26	79	c
Hong K	29	84	s	Tel Aviv	28	82	s
Innsbrck	22	72	s	Tenerife	26	79	f
Istanbul	20	68	f	Tokyo	27	81	c
Jeddah	32	90	s	Toronto*	26	79	s
Karachi	29	84	s	Tunis	28	82	f
L Palmas	27	81	f	Valencia	29	84	f
Le Tquet	22	72	s	Vanc'ver*	15	59	s
Lisbon	24	75	f	Venice	24	75	s
Locarno	24	75	s	Vienna	19	66	s
London	22	72	s	Warsaw	20	68	f
L Angels*	19	66	c	Wash'ton*	29	84	c
Luxembg	20	68	s	Wel'ton	13	55	f
Luxor	35	95	s	Zurich	22	72	s

* denotes figures are latest available

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.9	-	19	66	cloudy
Anglesey	9.7	-	20	68	sunny
Aviemore	2.4	-	18	64	cloudy
Belfast	3.8	-	17	63	bright
Birmingham	9.1	-	23	73	sunny
Blackpool	10.4	-	21	70	sunny
Bournemouth	12.0	-	20	68	sunny
Bristol	11.3	-	24	75	sunny
Buxton	9.0	-	20	68	sunny
Cardiff	10.4	-	22	72	sunny
Cromer	9.8	-	19	66	sunny
Douglas	5.9	-	17	63	bright
Eastbourne	11.7	-	19	66	sunny
Edinburgh	1.7	-	17	63	bright
Falmouth	9.5	-	19	66	sunny
Folkestone	10.9	-	20	68	sunny
Glasgow	3.9	-	19	66	bright
Guernsey	11.6	-	21	70	sunny
Hastings	11.6	-	19	66	sunny
Jersey	11.1	-	22	72	sunny
Kinloss	0.1	-	17	63	cloudy
Leeds	10.4	-	22	72	sunny
London	11.6	-	25	77	sunny
Lowestoft	10.5	-	19	66	sunny
Manchester	12.0	-	23	73	sunny
Minehead	11.0	-	22	72	sunny
Morecambe	12.0	-	20	68	sunny
Newquay	9.7	-	20	68	sunny
Nottingham	11.5	-	23	73	sunny
Penzance	8.4	-	19	66	sunny
Plymouth	9.0	-	19	66	bright
Salcombe	7.2	-	19	66	sunny
Sandown	10.5	-	21	70	sunny
Saunton Snd	11.2	-	23	73	sunny
Scarborough	3.7	-	16	61	cloudy
Scilly Isles	7.8	-	20	68	bright
Shanklin	10.3	-	20	68	sunny
St. Ives	8.2	-	19	66	bright
Stornoway	0.1	.01	16	61	cloudy
Teignmouth	11.1	-	19	66	sunny
Tenby	8.9	-	19	66	sunny
Torquay	11.8	-	21	70	sunny
Weymouth	11.0	-	19	66	sunny
Worthing	11.1	-	19	66	sunny

These are Sunday's figures

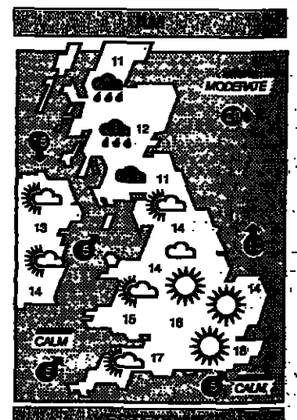
TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.29	2.14
Austria Sch	21.70	20.20
Belgium Fr	63.45	51.45
Canada $	2.07	1.92
Denmark Kr	11.89	11.14
Finland Mkk	7.54	7.09
France Fr	10.41	9.76
Germany Dm	3.075	2.875
Greece Dr	336.00	316.00
Hong Kong $	13.95	12.95
Ireland Pt	1.15	1.08
Italy Lire	2300.00	2150.00
Japan Yen	249.50	231.50
Netherlands Gld	3.46	3.24
Norway Kr	12.06	11.28
Portugal Esc	262.50	244.50
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.40
Spain Pta	190.50	177.50
Sweden Kr	11.22	10.47
Switzerland Fr	2.58	2.52
Turkey Lira	8500.00	7700.00
USA $	1.815	1.69
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

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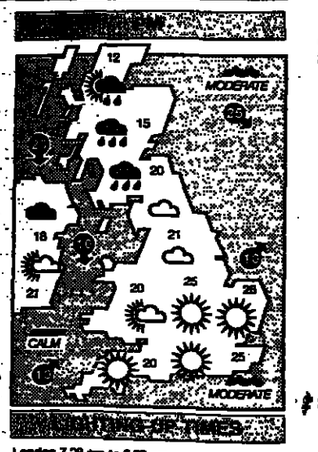
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Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	17	63	s	Guernsey	21	70	s
B'rmgham	21	70	s	Inverness	16	61	c
Blackpool	22	72	s	Jersey	22	72	s
Bristol	22	72	s	London	22	72	s
Cardiff	22	72	s	M'nchester	22	72	s
Edinburgh	17	63	s	Newcastle	20	68	s
Glasgow	18	61	s	P'ndcreek	18	64	s

Sunday: Highest day temp: Northolt, Greater London, and Heathrow Airport, 25C (77F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.04 in; highest sunshine: Manchester, Bournemouth, Dorset; Southsea, Hampshire; Morecambe, Lancashire; 12.0 hr.



London 7.28 pm to 6.28 am
Bristol 7.36 pm to 6.38 am
Edinburgh 7.45 pm to 6.36 am
Manchester 7.38 pm to 6.34 am
Penzance 7.48 pm to 6.51 am

Sun rises: 6.27 am
Sun sets: 7.28 pm
Moon rises 9.09 am
Moon sets 7.40 pm
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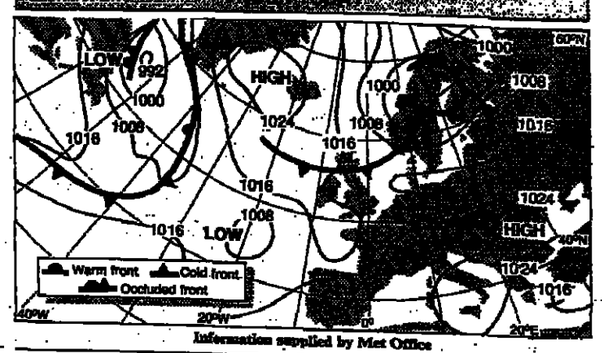
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HIGH AND LOW OF TIMES

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TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.46	7.5	8.58	7.4	Liverpool	12.53	10.0	1.14	9.7
Aberdeen	2.51	4.8	3.25	4.3	Lowestoft	11.09	2.8	11.52	2.4
Avonmouth	9.15	13.9	9.39	14.0	Margate	1.57	4.8	2.00	4.9
Belfast	12.36	3.8	1.07	3.4	Milford Haven	8.07	7.3	8.24	7.4
Cardiff	9.00	12.8	9.14	12.9	Newquay	6.57	7.3	7.14	7.4
Devonport	7.52	5.6	8.06	5.8	Oban	7.42	4.1	7.48	4.2
Dover	12.40	6.7	12.58	7.0	Penzance	6.50	5.7	7.05	5.9
Falmouth	7.22	5.4	7.36	5.6	Portland	9.12	2.4	9.20	2.5
Glasgow	2.21	5.3	2.57	4.9	Portsmouth	1.01	4.9	1.38	4.9
Harwich	1.39	4.2	1.50	4.2	Shoreham	12.48	6.4	1.14	6.5
Holyhead			12.12	5.7	Southampton	12.24	4.7	12.50	4.8
Hull	7.57	8.1	8.31	7.7	Swansea	8.17	9.9	8.34	10.0
Ilfracombe	7.56	9.5	8.14	9.7	Tees	5.23	5.8	5.49	5.6
King's Lynn	8.16	7.3	8.50	6.8	W'ton-on-Nze	1.29	4.4	1.41	4.4
Leith	4.18	5.9	4.45	5.7					

Tide in metres: 1m=3.280ft.



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Business Editor
John Bell

SIB backs down on plans to scrap rule

PRESSURE from consumer groups and independent intermediaries has forced the Securities and Investments Board to back down on its plan to drop the polarisation rule, which forces banks, building societies and intermediaries to sell one company's products or advise on many.

In a discussion paper on polarisation, published as part of the SIB's review of retail regulation, the board said it would not permit "multi-tying", where intermediaries could opt to tie with several companies as an alternative to being independent or being tied to a single company.

Sir David Walker, chairman of the SIB, said there was concern that, with multi-tying, investors would not understand what their advisers were authorised to sell.

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Vita payout up

British Vita, the polymer, foams and fibres group, suffered an 11 per cent fall in interim pre-tax profits to £24.2 million for the six months to end-June, but the interim dividend is up 4.5 per cent to 3.45p. Tempus, page 25

Wilson falls

Wilson (Connolly), the housebuilder, sold 1,300 houses in the six months to end-June, a 20 per cent rise on the first half of 1990. While pre-tax profits fell 28.5 per cent to £13.8 million, the interim dividend is increased to 1.27p (1.21p). Tempus, page 25

Suter suffers

Suter, the conglomerate, saw pre-tax profits fall 46 per cent to £9.2 million in the six months to end-June.

Tempus, page 25

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7275 (+0.0340)

German mark
2.9411 (–0.0014)

Exchange index
91.5 (+0.5)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2088.6 (–5.0)

FT-SE 100
2653.2 (–14.2)

New York Dow Jones
3004.70 (–6.93)*

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
22573.98 (–118.62)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Greene King	481½p (+14p)
Northern Foods	533½p (+9p)
Maclarlane	195½p (+8p)
Reed Intl	488p (+10p)
Scot TV	589p (+11p)
Siebe	546p (+12p)
Sirdar	133p (+10p)
Slough Estates	282p (+9p)
Schroders	912½p (+43p)
Provident	487½p (+9p)
Tibbet & Britten	485½p (+12p)

FALLS:

News Corp	470p (–25p)
Haynes Publishing	110p (–20p)
RMC Group	670p (–8p)
Laporte	579p (–11p)
Unread	89½p (–8p)
British Aerospace	518p (–37p)
SG Warburg	507½p (–9p)
Reuters	894p (–11p)
Reckitt & Colman	696p (–15p)

Closing Prices...Page 29

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base 10½%
3 month interbank 10⅜–10½%
3 month eligible bills 9¹⁄₁₆–9⅛%
US Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5¹⁄₁₆%
3 month Treasury Bills 5.29-5.27%*
30 year bonds 101¹⁄₃₂–101²⁄₃₂

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£ $1.7260	£ $1.7300*
£ DM2.9368	$ DM1.6958*
£ SwFr2.5787	$ SwFr1.4895*
£ FFr10.0065	$ FFr5.7650*
£ Yen233.27	$ Yen134.95*
£ Index 91.5	$ Index 65.4
ECU £0.697167	SDR £0.790363
£ FCU1.434376	£ SDR1.265241

London forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $350.10 pm $350.55
close $351.90-352.40 (£203.80-204.30)
New York:
Comex $352.65 353.15*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 133.8 July (1987=100)

* Denotes midday trading price

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep) $19.80 bbl ($20.05)

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Revised sales figures boost recovery trend

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

AN UPWARD revision of the official retail sales figure for July, combined with a pickup in borrowing, has boosted the credibility of the government's view that consumers are leading the economy out of recession.

John Major, speaking in Aberdeen, said the government had set the economy "back on course" and pledged a return to growth by the end of this year.

Despite last week's half-point cut in base rates to 10.5 per cent, money market dealers, in the absence of Bank of England resistance, almost fully discounted a further half-point reduction. The key three month interbank rate closed ⅛ softer at 10⅛ per cent.

Although the pound fell nearly three quarters of a pfennig to DM2.9368 at the 1700 close, hopes of lower American interest rates allowed it to rise nearly 3½ cents against the dollar to $1.7275 and close 0.5 higher at 91.5 on its trade-weighted index.

The retail sales index rose 0.7 per cent in July, after seasonal adjustment, compared with the 0.3 per cent increase in the provisional figures, after a 1.5 per cent gain in June.

Government figures on consumer credit revealed a sharp rise in lending by the banks and financial institutions. The net increase in credit advanced to consumers was £187 million in July, up from £22 million in June.

A Treasury spokesman, welcoming the rising retail sales, said: "It may well be the consumer-led recovery predicted in the Budget."

Keith Skeoch, chief economist at James Capel, saw the sales data confirming a recovery in spending. Given the interest rate cut last week, he expects consumer confidence to revive further.

Doubts persist, however, with Neil MacKinnon, chief economist a Yamaichi International, pointing out that sales levels remain low. Nominal incomes were still being suppressed and the debt-to-income ratio remained high, putting an effective lid on any consumer recovery. He said: "It would be premature to see this as a recovery."

James May, director general of the Retail Consortium, said the improved sales trend remained "fairly tentative" and that it would "take a long time before we can talk of a consumer-led recovery".

Research by Infolink, the credit information organisation, shows that consumers are willing to make small financial commitments, but still shy away from large financial burdens, such as houses or cars.

Simon Briscoe, economist at Midland Montagu, saw the pick-up in sales in June and July reflecting continuous price-cutting by retailers.

The July rise in the volume sales index to 120.8 gave a year-on-year fall of 0.5 per cent. In the latest three months, sales were 1.3 per cent down on the same period last year. In value terms, July was 6 per cent up on July last year.

New credit advanced to consumers in July was £4.30 billion, after seasonal adjustment, up from £3.74 billion in June. Bank card credit jumped to £2.72 billion from £2.35 billion.

In the latest three months, credit card borrowing has surged ahead by 8 per cent, while overall new consumer credit has risen just 3 per cent.

☐ Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, told government, industry and trade union officials that the worst is over for east Germany, and that its economy is starting to recover. He called for greater private and public sector effort to maintain the momentum.

Official figures showed consumer prices in west Germany were unchanged between July and August, with annual inflation at 4.1 per cent.

BW banks look at Lonrho plan

By Matthew Bond and Angela Mackay

STANDARD Chartered, which heads Brent Walker's main syndicate of banks, is to canvass the other 46 on their views of Lonrho's last-ditch, alternative proposal to rescue Brent Walker, the leisure group.

The bank says the process will take a few days, but it remains confident that the majority of the banks still support the original refinancing proposals.

Holders of Brent Walker's £102 million convertible bond issue, including Lonrho, met at the City offices of Hambros Bank yesterday to discuss their options. The bondholders, who also include Michael Smurfit, the Irish businessman, and Hambros Bank, were not expected to appprove Brent Walker's own proposals.

A number of bondholders are known to favour the Lonrho scheme and could threaten to place Brent Walker in receivership to pursuade others of its merits. The same threat may be used to improve in Brent Walker's terms.

That Standard Chartered is canvassing the syndicate's view on the Lonrho proposal contradicts its confident rejection over the weekend by the Brent Walker board. On Sunday Brent Walker said it had been informed that the Lonrho idea had been rejected "out of hand" by the banks.

The Lonrho proposal involves swopping £1 billion of Brent Walker's £1.3 billion into a new class of Lonrho preference share. Although Lonrho believes this could be worth 50-55p in the pound to Brent Walker's bank creditors, the banks are concerned that the offer is conditional on Lonrho carrying out its own due diligence on Brent Walker. They fear a revised Lonrho offer could be below the 35p in the pound that a receiver might obtain by selling Brent Walker's assets. They are also concerned that Tiny Rowland, Lonrho's chairman, is known to be friendly with George Walker, Brent Walker's ousted founder and chief executive.

Brent Walker was yesterday served with the first writs, issued on behalf of the Walker family, who are claiming £20 million compensation from the company.



Rowland: rescue bid

Insurers warn on premiums

By Sara McConnell

CLAIMS for subsidence and theft have reached record levels, according to the Association of British Insurers (ABI), which warns policyholders that premiums and excesses will have to rise unless security and fire prevention are tightened.

Subsidence claims more than doubled in the first six months of the year to £277 million, up from £134 million in the same period of last year. Domestic and commercial theft claims leapt by 51.3 per cent, reaching a total of £453 million.

The value of domestic theft claims rose by 51.7 per cent to £289 million and the number of claims was up by a quarter. The average payout on domestic theft claims also rose sharply, from around £750 to almost £1,000. The number of commercial theft claims was up by 23 per cent and the average payout rose from £975 to £1,200.

Mike Jones, ABI chief executive, gave warning that premiums would have to rise and higher excesses be imposed unless more attention was paid to security and burglary prevention. "This level of claims is horrific and unacceptable," he said. "Insurance companies paid out £1.2 billion in theft, fire and subsidence claims alone in the first six months of the year." Many claims could be avoided if crime and fire protection were taken seriously. Contents insurance premiums for both commercial and domestic premises have risen by up to 20 per cent since January and more rises are likely before the end of the year.

Midnight sale at Babcock Prebon

By Neil Bennett
Banking Correspondent

SHAREHOLDERS in Babcock Prebon, the money broker and leasing group, have angrily denounced the company's speedy receivership over the weekend, which has cost creditors millions of pounds but left the operating companies free from previous financial commitments and in the hands of the existing management.

Babcock Prebon asked its bankers to appoint receivers at midnight on Friday after its board decided it could no longer service its £50 million debt and meet an £8 million loan repayment this month.

By early Sunday morning all the main operating companies had been sold to existing management. Yesterday Babcock & Brown, the lease arranger, and Babcock Fulton Prebon, the money broker, opened for business as usual, with few of their customers aware of the weekend activity. The receivership at Babcock, formerly York Trust, is one of the least unexpected of the past year. The company has struggled under its debts since the start of the year, and only kept afloat by cash injections from its banks, led by Samuel Montagu. In August Babcock warned shareholders it had breached lending covenants and was negotiating its financial position.

The buyout has freed Babcock from its debt burden and other financial commitments, including a £2 million annual rent bill on empty properties in the City which it failed to sublet. The management, led by Arthur Hughes, the chief executive, now own a business with strong underlying profitability.

The receivership and buyout, however, has not met with approval among holders of the group's ordinary and preference shares, who have almost certainly lost their entire investment. "This is the sort of deal that gives receivers a bad name," said Richard Furlong, an analyst from Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker. He said he knew other companies wanted to bid for the businesses, but were given no chance.

There were angry exchanges in the offices of Babcock Prebon at news of the receivership, since 48.5 per cent of the shares were held by directors and staff. Patrick Keenan, Babcock's corporate strategist, said the group's "sorry history" had left the board with no alternative to the receivership, after plans for a rights issue fell through. He refused to reveal the price paid by the management but was confident it was correct.

Ian Bond, the receiver from Cork Gully, said he had decided on Saturday that Babcock's businesses needed to be sold immediately to preserve their value. "These are people businesses and would have been worth virtually nothing if we had waited. It was impossible to market them in the normal way."

Analysts expect call for up to £829m



Strapped for cash: Sir Roland expects profits well below weekend press forecasts

BAe slips 37p after profits warning

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

ALMOST £100 million was wiped off the stock market value of British Aerospace, after the group gave a warning that profits were unlikely to match market expectations.

Despite the warning, the company made no effort to rebut speculation that it will unveil a rights issue alongside its half-year profits tomorrow.

Analysts said the company had apparently been compelled to correct profit expectations to prepare the ground for the rights issue. Predictions of BAe's pre-tax profit for the year to end-December had ranged from £295 million to £350 million.

BAe said yesterday that its own expectations for full-year profits "are well below the numbers mentioned in the weekend press". Shares in BAe slipped 37p to 518p.

Hoare Govett, BAe's broker, is said to have started taking soundings prior to underwriting a rights issue at the weekend. Early reports suggested a one-for-three issue at 500p, which would have raised £430 million. However, in the wake of the share price plunge, brokers said the company could be looking for up to £829 million through a five-for-seven cash call.

The failure of Professor Sir Roland Smith, BAe's chairman, to provide more detail was criticised by Michael Blogg of James Capel, the broker. "Investors must be wondering what is going on and will be hoping for a much greater degree of comfort from the interim results," he said.

There is no doubt BAe needs extra cash. Gearing is on course to exceed 50 per cent by year-end, far above the 40 per cent ceiling the company regards comfortable. Up to £2 billion of advances from the Saudi government for equipment to be supplied under the Al Yamamah defence programme are being consumed as deliveries accelerate.

Rover, the carmaker, has slipped into loss, and the order intake for BAe's civil aircraft has slowed. BAe's property arm, Arlington Securities, may also be suffering an outflow of funds.

Hurd sees a window of opportunity for BCCI

By Our Business Staff

THE government will not stand in the way of an attempt to rescue the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International, according to Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary.

Mr Hurd told a delegation of BCCI campaigners, led by Keith Vaz, the Labour MP for Leicester East, that there is now a window of opportunity for a rescue of the bank, and that the government would support any plan approved by the Bank of England.

Mr Hurd also said he is planning to meet the foreign minister of the United Arab Emirates, in New York, this month, to minimise any damage to relations between the countries caused by BCCI's closure on July 5. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, the UAE's president and the ruler of Abu Dhabi, is BCCI's main shareholder, and was angered by the Bank of England's decision to close BCCI without consulting his officials.

Mr Hurd's statements are the strongest backing the government has given so far to attempts to rescue BCCI. While Mr Hurd said the government could not intervene in any rescue negotiations, he said both the prime minister and the chancellor are being kept informed.

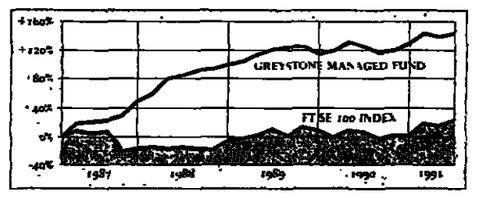
Mr Vaz, who has repeatedly called for a rescue of the bank to minimise the losses suffered by its 1.1 million depositors worldwide, said afterwards he felt "very positive and very pleased" about the meeting.

In July, the High Court delayed the liquidation of BCCI to allow Brian Smouha, the bank's administrator from Touche Ross, the accountant, time to negotiate a restructuring with the authorities in Abu Dhabi.

In Abu Dhabi, senior management of BCCI are still being held by police. The heads of all the bank's various divisions and their deputies were detained in a co-ordinated series of raids at their homes, hotels, and offices. All together, some 40 people are still being held by police, including Zafar Iqbal, the recently-appointed chief executive, and Swaleh Naqvi, his forerunner.

Most of the BCCI senior executives in the UAE are Pakistani nationals, but British embassy officials say up to a dozen, including Mr Naqvi, are British passport holders. They have been trying to arrange consular access to them.

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FBI joins enquiry into Salomon bid conduct

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

THE Federal Bureau of Investigation has joined the investigation into possible illegal actions by Salomon Brothers. American government agencies are conducting parallel civil and criminal enquiries into the disgraced Wall Street investment bank.

The US Attorney's office for the Southern District of New York is co-ordinating the criminal side of the investigation. Officials are focusing on possible charges of fraud, mail fraud and conspiracy based on accusations that Salomon filed false and misleading documents with a number of government departments.

Four government agencies are now looking into the affairs of Salomon, which has admitted breaches of the rules that govern trading on the $2.2 billion US Treasury bond market.

Unconfirmed reports indicate that several government agencies are also examining the bidding practices of another large investment bank, so far unnamed, which, like Salomon, is one of the 39 *selected primary dealers*.

These enquiries relate to the April auction of five-year Treasury notes. The British government, which dismissed Salomon as lead underwriter for the American portion of the British Telecom share sale, has asked for written confirmation from Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley, the three other investment banks involved in the sale, that they have not engaged in any activity that might affect their participation in the issue.

US Treasury officials, meanwhile, have been concentrating on two points.

The first is whether John Gutfreund, former chairman and chief executive of Salomon, misled officials at a meeting on June 10 when he is alleged to have told them that nothing was wrong with the May auction where his firm cornered 94 per cent of the bonds, two and half times the legal limit.

The second point is what action was taken by Charles Jackson, *a senior director of* SG Warburg's fund management group, Mercury Asset Management, when he allegedly knew but failed to inform the authorities that Salomon had placed an illegal and unauthorised bid on its behalf in a February action.

Deryck Maughan, Salomon's new chief operating officer, said in a recent interview that "corporate America is sticking with us" and that 24 of its top 27 fixed investment clients continue to do business with the bank.

Salomon Brothers officials are due to appear again tomorrow before a Senate house subcommittee.

American politicians have already shown themselves anxious to crack down on the way the Treasury bond market is regulated.

Buyouts lift Candover

By OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

CANDOVER Investments, the investment trust specialising in management buyouts, has continued to thrive *despite the recession. Pre-tax* profits rose £100,000 to £2.17 million in the first half of the year.

The trust's net assets resumed their growth, rising to £52 million, or 233p a share, from £48.1 million, or 217p, at the end of last year. Last year, Candover suffered the first decline in assets in its ten-year history. The interim dividend is being raised by 0.5p to 3.5p.

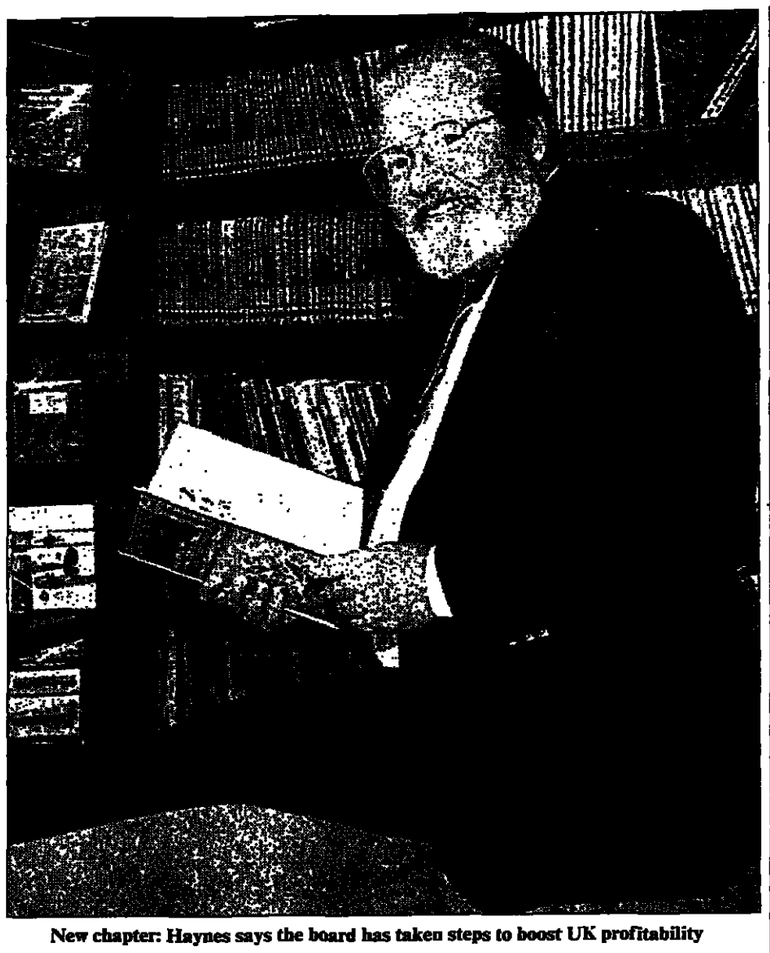
Roger Brooke, the chairman, said profits for the year would be higher than last year.

During the half year, Candover invested in four buyouts, and increased its investment in three other companies. In July, the trust made a book profit of almost £3 million on the flotation of Lowndes Lambert, the insurance broker.

Joint venture wins £450m gas contracts

NATIONAL Power, the recently privatised power generator company, has confirmed it has awarded contracts worth up to £450 million to Anglo-French engineering group GEC-Alsthom..

The project is for a combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) power station at Didcot in Oxfordshire. The intention is to build a two module station equivalent to 1,360 megawatts. The first phase is scheduled to come into operation in 1994.



New chapter: Haynes says the board has taken steps to boost UK profitability

Haynes Publishing slumps

SHARES in Haynes Publishing Group, the car and motorcycle manual publisher, fell 20p to 110p after the company cut its final dividend to 1.5p (5.5p), making a reduced total of 2.5p *(10p)* for the year (Philip Pangalos writes).

The dividend cut followed a dive in full-year profits.

Trading losses in the United Kingdom and exceptional costs resulted in a collapse in the group's pre-tax profits to £26,000 in the year to end-May, compared with £3.1 million last time. Group turnover climbed to £19.2 million (£16.6 million), thanks to an advance in America where turnover increased to £7.43 million (£5.48 million).

United Kingdom operations made a trading loss of £568,000, against a profit of £2.09 million last time, while American operations contributed trading profits of £1.05 million (£1.15 million). Overall interest costs jumped to £525,000 (£193,000). There was an exceptional debit of £957,000, relating to a combination of increased obsolescence, a revision of useful asset lives and redundancy costs. Earnings per share dived to 0.1p (19.6p).

John Haynes, the chairman, said the board had already taken steps to improve future profitability in Britain.

"I am confident that the company's efforts will enable us to resume our previous growth as business confidence and trading conditions improve," he said.

East Europe boosts Perkins

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE opening of eastern European markets to western food manufacturers helped to boost pre-tax profits 47 per cent at Perkins Foods in the six months to end-June.

Howard Phillips, the chief executive, said large quantities of French bread, pizzas, grapes and mushrooms were being sold in eastern Germany. Perkins is also selling fruit to Poland and Czechoslovakia.

He said: "Many of these people *hadn't seen a banana* before, so they are delighted." Perkins does business in eastern Europe through Dutch wholesalers, and debt on these ventures is secured in the Netherlands, reducing risk. Economic stability in the Netherlands, where the group



Phillips: confident

has 70 per cent of its business, also helped to push pre-tax profits from £7.1 million to £10.5 million.

Turnover rose 31 per cent to £124 million. Earnings are up 24 per cent to 5.1p a share and the interim dividend is 13 per cent higher at 1.7p. Stripping out last year's acquisitions, underlying profit growth was 12 per cent.

The frozen and chilled food divisions were among the best performers. New frozen pizzas, filled pancakes and potato lines have been launched.

Perkins has no debt and, if there are no acquisitions in the second half, will end the year with a positive cash balance of £7 million. However, Mr Phillips said the group was still looking for acquisitions.

It is confident of a good performance in the second half. Mr Phillips said a poor apple and pear crop in western Europe, the result of frost damage, would increase demand for the group's kiwi fruit, grapes and apples, from New Zealand, Israel and Romania.

The shares rose 1p to 170p.

Close up to £12.3m despite recession

By NEIL BENNETT
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

CLOSE Brothers, the specialist merchant bank, has beaten many of its larger rivals by increasing its profit during the recession. The pre-tax figure rose by £200,000 to £12.3 million.

Rod Kent, the managing director, said he was proud of the result. The year had been the most difficult since he joined the bank in 1974. The final dividend of 6p makes a total of 8.8p for the year, up 10 per cent.

During the year, Close reviewed many of the businesses for sale in the financial services field and made four acquisitions for about £6 million. They included a car *finance company from* Berisford International and Security Pacific's factoring subsidiary.

Despite low bad debt provisions overall, Close was still hit by defaults in Clearbrook Trust, its second-mortgage company.

The bank has decided to close the business, at an extraordinary cost of £1.81 million, and has reduced Clearbrook's loan book from a peak of £14 million to £5 million.

Otherwise, Close's main businesses of printing machinery, finance and insurance premium finance continued to grow steadily. The bank's loan book grew £73 million to £239 million, although the gearing ratio remains low.

Mr Kent said the bank was *still looking for acquisitions*, although it was rare for companies to match its criteria.

He said Close's trading in the current year would be easier than last year, but that the fall in interest rates would reduce the return on the *bank's capital*.

Ramar shares suspended from trading

By MARTIN BARROW

SHARES in Ramar Textiles were halted at 14p pending clarification of the company's finances, less than 48 hours before shareholders were due to vote on boardroom changes and refinancing proposals.

The company, a supplier of women's and children's garments to Marks and Spencer, is in the process of raising £5.8 million via a five-for-two rights issue and placing at 8p a share. Shareholders are due to vote on the proposals at an extraordinary meeting tomorrow.

Samuel Montagu, underwriter to the issue, declined to comment, but it is thought Ramar's new financial backers had not withdrawn support. Ramar has not yet received *the rights issue funds.*

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Bass agrees sale of 372 Midlands pubs

BASS, the brewing to hotels group, has passed the halfway point in its programme of disposals after agreeing the sale of *372 Midlands pubs to Enterprise Inns* for an undisclosed sum. Bass has also agreed terms for the sale of a further 400 pubs. Enterprise, based in Solihull, is a new management company set up by a team of brewing industry professionals headed by Michael Cottrell, chairman of Taunton Cider and formerly managing director of Courage. Enterprise said it would use the purchase of the Bass pubs as a "springboard for further acquisitions".

Since July 1989, Bass has disposed of more than 1,430 pubs for a total of about £240 million.

Hopkinsons slips 8.7%

HOPKINSONS Group, the engineering concern that has made an agreed bid for Carbo, the industrial abrasives maker, saw profits drop 8.7 per cent to £3.02 million in the six months to end-July. Sales fell 29.9 per cent to £18.7 million. Earnings slip to 3.18p (3.68p) a share, but the interim dividend stays at 1.2p.

Healthy move for Kynoch

G&G KYNOCH is back in profit after moving from textiles to the distribution of healthcare products, with £460,000 pre-tax in the six months to end-June. This compared with losses of £387,000 over the last similar period. Earnings were 2.4p a share. Dividend payments will be resumed "as soon as possible".

Goodhead axes payout

GOODHEAD Group, the printing, publishing and marketing services company, has passed its final dividend (3.75p), making 0.5p (5.5p) for the year after pre-tax profits plunged to £768,000 (£4.02 million) in the year to end-May.

Shares added 4p to 40p. There was a loss per share of 0.7p, against earnings of 15.3p last time. Net interest costs jumped to £2.34 million (£1.85 million). There was an exceptional credit of £660,000, mainly from the sale of property. Writedowns in the value of titles were largely responsible for an extraordinary loss of £2.53 million.

Manders hit by bad debt

MANDERS (Holdings), the Wolverhampton paint, ink and property group, saw pre-tax profit slide 20 per cent to £2.44 million in the six months to end-June. The figure was hit by a £380,000 bad debt resulting from the failure of a customer. Sales fell 4 per cent to £50.6 million. The interim dividend is held at 2p.

Bio-tech firm suffers loss

BRITISH Bio-technology made an operating loss of £7.86 million in the year to end-April. This was partly offset by investment income of £2.27 million. Losses in the previous 12 months were £4.5 million. The pharmaceutical research and development company was launched five years ago and is valued at £103 million.

Linread figures slump

SHARES in Linread, the specialist industrial fasteners group, fell 8p to 90p after a slump in first-half profits. Linread blamed deteriorating economic conditions and combined trading losses of more than £1 million at the group's commercial products division and at North Bridge Hassall, *the company's American subsidiary that has now been* closed.

Pre-tax profits plunged to £126,000 in the six months to end-June, against £1.67 million last time. Restructuring costs led to an extraordinary debit of £900,000. Earnings per share dived to 0.56p (8.9p), but the interim dividend is maintained at 2p.

Evans Halshaw slows

EVANS Halshaw Holdings, the multi-franchise motor dealer, is holding its interim dividend at 3.6p a share despite a 27 per cent fall in pre-tax profits and difficult trading conditions (Martin Barrow writes).

In the six months to end-June, profits fell from £2.6 million before tax to £1.9 million as a result of weak demand for new vehicles and lower margins. Earnings were 5.6p a share, against 7.7p.

Sales reflected national trends, including a 25 per cent decline in new car registrations and a 32 per cent fall in demand for commercial vehicles. This was partly offset by a 15 per cent rise in used car sales and a 10 per cent increase in profits from follow-up sales.

Turnover fell from £207 million to £173 million and trading profits from £5.66 million to £3.57 million. But interest charges fell from £3.1 million to £1.7 million after last year's sale of the Moprod-Supra spare parts subsidiary, resulting in a £12 million benefit from the cash consideration and reduced borrowings.

Property provisions depress Arcadian

By MATTHEW BOND

ARCADIAN International, a *property group turned leisure* developer, suffered increased pre-tax losses of £2.8 million in the year to end-April, the first full results since Robert Breare and Jeremy Priestley, former executives of Parkdale Holdings, took control.

An operating loss of £1.3 million was exacerbated by £1.9 million of exceptional items, most of which relate to provisions on the commercial property portfolio owned by Westminster and Country Properties, which Arcadian reversed into last year. The losses mean no dividend is being paid, compared with a total of 4p last year. Last year's loss has been restated as £378,000.

Sales of properties have raised £5 million, although about £2 million was received *after the year-end. The four* properties that remain have a book value of £5.4 million. Short-term debt of £3.1 million represents gearing of 39 per cent.

The group is involved in golf-related projects in France, *Spain and Britain and is* looking for similar opportunities in Italy. Grahame Sewell, finance director, said Arcadian's projects had a development cost of £100-200 million. "We try to get into projects at a very early stage, *when entry costs are normally* low," he said.

Arcadian's strategy is to take project management fees and equity stakes in lieu of finders' fees. Most development costs are met by bank debt and local equity investors.

Fairey suffers fall in Middle East trade

By PHILIP PANGALOS

THE loss of Middle East filtration business and lower demand from the construction sector were blamed for a dip in interim profits at Fairey *Group, the specialist engineer.*

Pre-tax profits eased 1.7 per cent to £7.07 million in the half year to end-June, against £7.19 million last time. Turnover rose to £43.2 million (£43.1 million). About half the sales were generated overseas.

Operating profits slipped to £6.24 million (£6.44 million). The main culprit was the filtration and specialised ceramics division where profits fell to £1.51 million (£2.05 million), on turnover of £12.9 million (£14 million).

Organic growth helped the electronics and electrical *power division's profits to rise* to £3.68 million (£3.38 million) on turnover of £18.1 million (£16 million). Aerospace and defence profits climbed to £1.05 million (£1.01 million), on turnover of £12.1 million (£13.1 million).

Earnings per shares dipped to 13.3p (13.7p), although the interim dividend is raised to 3.0p (2.75p). The shares added 4p to 313p.

Eadie passes payout

EADIE Holdings, manufacturer of transport equipment and wire products is again passing payment of an interim dividend after incurring losses of £354,000 in the six months to end-June. This compares with losses of £204,000 in the first half of 1990. Losses per share were 0.99p (0.58p loss).

The company hopes to reverse its fortunes with the sale of Astraflex, a specialist manufacturer of flexible hose, to Teleflex Incorporated (USA) for £2.45 million in cash. The transaction will reduce *Eadie's gearing from* 110 per cent to 40 per cent. Astraflex's earnings fell from £214,570 in 1989 to £32,052 last year.

COMPANY BRIEFS

ISA INTNL (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.03m (£1.75m)
EPS: 1.942p (3.747p)
Div: 0.414p (0.414p)
Company said half-year borrowings were less than target with gearing below 30 per cent. Group turnover slipped to £36m (£36.3m).

CAVERDALE GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £247,000
EPS: 1.87p (LPS: 2.84p)
Div:
Last time's loss was £298,000. There was a £332,000 exceptional gain. Caverdale has disposed of *Kingston Cutting Tools* for £24,000.

SHERWOOD COMP SERV
Pre-tax: £575,000
EPS: 6.6p (9.5p)
Div: 1.5p (1.5p)
Interim results. Last time's profit was £850,000. Fully diluted earnings were 6.6p (8.7p). There was an exceptional debit of £280,000.

SCRUTTONS (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.06m
EPS: 16.0p (13.2p)
Div: 7.5p (6p)
Last time's profit was £874,000. Turnover slipped to £11.4m (£11.6m). Company said the second half of the year had started well.

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Unrolling the electoral carpet

COMMENT

The economic carpet is unrolling with ceremonial Treasury precision for an autumn general election, should the prime minister want one, though not without much nudging, winking and judicious massaging of markets. A sharp upward revision of the July retail sales figures, making a 2.2 per cent increase over two months, removes the last suspicion that the June rise was a distorted one-month wonder. Trade is picking up and, even if the pace is not sustained, a consumer-led recovery is now credible even if little else has changed from the dismal days of early summer.

The effect on confidence is more important than the modest actual revival and confidence is being nurtured like a tender seedling. In this, the half-point cuts in base rate have become an important asset, for instance in underpinning rising share prices, despite the frustration of those anxious to make an impact on the recession. The Treasury, having for once sprung a cut on an unsuspecting market last week with no adverse consequence, is now calculating whether it might squeeze in a further two before an autumn election would have to be called, bringing base rates into single figures.

The market reacted warmly to this idea being floated, pushing sterling up yesterday, and the Bank of England graciously permitted one-month money market rates to come within a whisker of 10 per cent. There will be no surprise or alarm in the markets if base rates come down on the back of the series of encouraging inflation figures this week, especially the sharp fall in retail price inflation to about 4.5 per cent expected on Friday. Another useful fall in RPI inflation should be recorded in October, allowing the second cut to 9.5 per cent.

The assumption has been that the German lombard rate of 9¼ per cent was the brick wall that the Treasury would not care to dash the pound against, despite what might be nominally higher consumer price inflation in Germany. That would be a stern test if rate cuts are to continue, one the Chancellor might prefer not to take before an election.

SIB rules

Sir David Walker's change of mind over rules for banks and building societies to sell life assurance is a minor victory for consumers. The SIB's earlier proposal to allow them to sell products of several life companies, while actually being linked to each of them, was a recipe to confuse the consumer, who might not be expected to know the difference between being offered variety and independent advice. A continued ban on multiple ties stops things getting worse, but the SIB will need to go much further if the intended benefits of the Financial Services Act are ever to be felt by buyers of life assurance, who are among those most in need. Clear information at point of sale on how much of premiums are invested and how much can be called on, which requires comparable disclosure of costs, is a basic requirement. Little progress has been made in finding the right formula.

EMU at bay

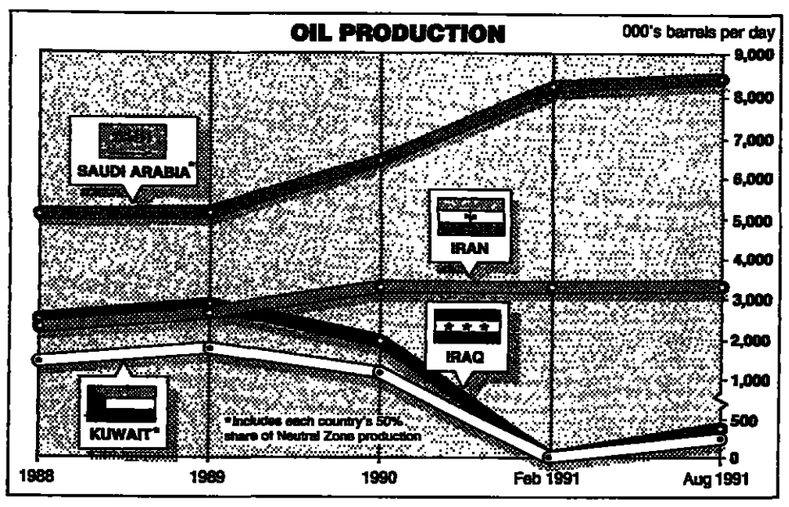
The debate on European Monetary Union is proving that the best way to undermine an unwanted concept is to accept it in principle, and let it fail on technicalities. Yesterday's row between European finance ministers bears testimony to this surreptitious approach, notably by the Germans, who are suspicious of the single currency but afraid to say so in public. The beauty is that Britain is for once not at the centre of the row, but a bemused onlooker watching Germans and Italians at each others' throats.

The fight is between the fiscal and monetary hardliners of northern Europe, and the southern integrationists. The Dutch draft treaty under discussion is no compromise, but staunchly represents the nothern view. It specifies a high degree of economic convergence on inflation, currency stability and fiscal policy as a requisite for the third phase of EMU. The hurdles proposed are so formidable that only Germany, its northern neighbours, perhaps France, and, ironically Britain, could realistically be expected to pass them. The others, most notably Italy, would be excluded. The implication would be a two-speed Europe, a prospect unacceptable to southern Europe.

Italy argues that convergence should be the result of, and not a precursor to, monetary union. Otherwise, as treasury minister Guido Carli said yesterday, the result would be "not an EC enterprise, but an enterprise of some member states". The French have so far sat on the fence, probably the most comfortable position for them at present. Jacques Delors, the French president of the commission, fears that, unless the northern countries cave in, the single currency would be pushed well into the next century and therefore beyond his political life. He is probably right.

The argument on convergence is superficially about cause and effect, but more fundamentally it unveils different views over economic policy and European integration. Being good Europeans, the Germans cannot reject EMU as the British earlier tried to do, but they and the Dutch can make it practically impossible. Three months ahead of the fateful European summit at Maastricht, agreement on a single currency is as far away as ever.

Iraqi oil sales will put fragile unity of Opec to the test



IRAQI crude is set to return to the oil market for the first time since the imposition of an international trade embargo after the invasion of Kuwait.

It threatens to disrupt the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' (Opec) delicate quota agreement as the crucial winter quarter approaches.

Members of the alliance that fought only six months ago against Iraq, notably America and Britain, are reluctant to lift or modify the embargo on Iraqi oil while Saddam Hussein remains in power, but the United Nations Security Council has decreed that the country should be allowed to raise up to $1.6 billion through the sale of oil to purchase essential goods.

The resolution was approved on condition Iraq did not have direct access to the proceeds and that about $700 million should go towards reparations and UN costs.

That, however, will not diminish any impact on the oil market. Indeed, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, has indicated that he considers $1.6 billion to be insufficient to meet Iraq's needs during the next six months after the payment of reparations and other deductions, and is seeking the release of at least $2.5 billion of oil.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar's report, presented to the security council yesterday, points out that if Iraq pumps oil at full capacity, estimated at 1.45 million barrels per day (bpd) after the repair of some facilities damaged by war, the country could generate $3.1 billion within six months.

If his proposals are accepted, Iraqi oil could be released on to the market early in October. For Opec, the timing could not be worse. On September 24, the organisation meets in Geneva to ratify new winter quarter production quotas now being negotiated between the cartel's members.

Price hawks had hoped to maintain formal output close to the current target of 22.3 million bpd to hold higher oil prices as winter stockbuilding takes place in America and Northwest Europe.

If this target is to be maintained, other members would have to cut output to accomodate Iraqi crude. The greatest pressure will be put on Saudi Arabia and Iran, the two countries that took greatest advantage of the absence of Iraqi and Kuwaiti oil to increase their output and keep the market stable.

Yet Saudi Arabia has already signalled its intention of seeking a quota of 8.5 million bpd, up from 8 million bpd, and close to its current output.



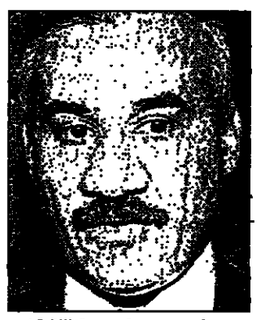
Pérez de Cuéllar: sell more

The Saudis, estimated to be placing 500,000 bpd in floating storage at the moment, are unlikely to be willing to sacrifice much-needed revenue to assist a hostile neighbour that only months ago was launching Scud missiles at its cities.

Iraq has yet to agree to UN conditions for a resumption in oil exports, which include unprecedented monitoring rights allowing UN agents to assess the value of sales as well as survey quantity and quality. But the Baghdad regime, desperately short of hard currency, appears to have little choice but to comply.

Ghazi Saber, director general of Iraq's Northern Petroleum Company, which runs all petroleum operations in northern and central Iraq, told *al-Thawra*, the ruling Baath party newspaper, that twin lines carrying oil across Turkey to export jetties in the Mediterranean would be restored to full capacity of about 1.5 million bpd by the end of March. More than 8 million barrels of oil are still in the 600-mile pipelines, while 12 tanks in Turkey's Mediterranean port of Ceyhan hold 1.58 million barrels of Iraqi oil, Turkey said last week.

Mr Saber said the first stage of repairs had been carried out to pipelines linking Iraq's northern and southern oilfields and oil from the Basra refinery in southern Iraq had been flowing northwards since July 25. Usama al-Hiti, oil minister of Iraq, said the country was ready to produce more than 1 million bpd, compared with 2.8 million bpd in 1989 and the first half of 1990.



Al-Hiti: ready to produce

If Señor Pérez de Cuéllar's report is endorsed unchanged, Somo, Iraq's state oil marketing company, will sell the oil under contracts approved by the UN sanctions committee, and governments must apply on behalf of purchasers. Independent agents will be appointed to negotiate prices for Iraq. Prior to the invasion of Kuwait, Iraqi oil sold at a $1.50 discount to North Sea Brent, the world's most widely traded oil. With Americans and Europeans still reluctant to buy oil from Iraq, it seems likely that a deeper discount of up to $2 may be needed.

Another complication for the UN concerns third party claims against Iraq for outstanding debts. Although the UN will grant special status to Iraqi oil, this is unlikely to carry much legal weight. The oil could be seized on transit through Turkey when technically it still belongs to Iraq and not the UN. Turkey has claims against Iraq, although the Turkish government has given some assurances that seizure will not occur. According to *Energy Compass*, the daily oil industry newsletter, Turkey is likely to receive up to 15,000 bpd from Iraq to cover oil handling fees.

The price implications of the return of Iraqi oil to the market are unclear. Some traders believe rising Iraqi and Kuwaiti output will offset falling production in the Soviet Union, the world's largest oil producer, leaving the global balance between supply and demand almost unchanged. Soviet output is heading for a 20-year low of 9.7 million bpd in the final quarter. But it is unclear to what degree this fall will affect exports, because of a fall in domestic demand.

Vagit Alekperov, the acting Soviet oil minister, estimated average Soviet output at 10 million bpd, 1 million bpd less than in 1990, and significantly lower than the International Energy Agency's forecast of 10.5 million bpd. Eastern Bloc Energy, the specialist oil monitoring agency, estimates Soviet oil exports fell 27 per cent to 2.5 million bpd in the first six months of last year.

The irony is that Iraq is being reluctantly accepted back into an oil market able to sustain prices close to $20 a barrel, a level probably high enough to have deterred Saddam from ordering his troops into Kuwait in the first place. The future promises to be as volatile as the past.

MARTIN BARROW

TEMPUS

Wilson (Connolly) builds foundation for expansion

IN THE first nine months of 1991, Wilson (Connolly) Holdings, the Northampton housebuilder, bought 2,900 new housebuilding plots, almost five times the amount of land it bought in the whole of 1990.

What really makes the company the envy of its competitors, however, is that this spree of contra-cyclical spending has been achieved without the help of a rights issue and without damaging the balance sheet. With the 2,100 plots bought before the end of the first half in June, Wilcon's gearing level was just 3 per cent.

Ian Black, Wilcon's managing director, says the buying will continue unless end-of-recession enthusiasm threatens a premature over-heating of the land market. But all the signs are that Wilcon's carefully nurtured long-term land bank should rise above the 14,200 plots on board at the half year.

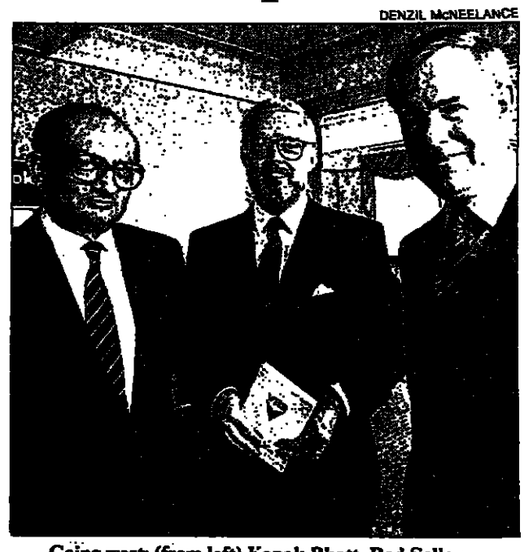
Wilcon's response to a recession that has produced a 28.5 per cent fall in interim pretax profits to £13.8 million has been to turn the heat up under the housebuilding division.

Aggressive marketing, an increase in the percentage of houses aimed at the first time buyer and tight control on work in progress has produced a 20 per cent increase in sales to 1,300 units, putting the company on track for 2,700 by the year end, the highest level for five years.

Others have managed the same trick, but normally by inflicting heavy damage to margins. By contrast, Wilcon's net margin was 17 per cent.

With construction and commercial property effectively side-lined as profit centres in the medium term, this year's profits should weigh in at about £28 million, with £37 million looking possible for 1992. Longer term, construction and property could once again add to Wilcon's attractions. Despite a current year price earnings-multiple of 20, the shares, yielding 2.6 per cent on yesterday's unchanged 202p price, remain a buy.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Going west: (from left) Kanak Bhatt, Rod Sellers, chief executive, and Bob McGee, of British Vita

unduly if they fail. Gearing remains low at 20 per cent.

Forecast profits of about £49 million for the year would give earnings of 16p, putting the shares, which yield 3.8 per cent, on a prospective multiple of about 15½ times earnings for this year, falling to 12½ times in 1992. The rating is justified and now is not the time to sell.

Suter

THE 10p jump in Suter's share price to 133p yesterday was as much an expression of relief as anything else. The group, which saw pre-tax profits fall 46 per cent to £9.2 million in the six months to end-June, has held the interim dividend at 3.2p and given a commitment to maintain the final at 5.6p.

The market's nervousness over Suter's balance sheet has not entirely disappeared; gearing is 77 per cent and does not look like falling in the short term. Interest is covered a reasonably healthy 4½ times, however, and the shares are yielding 9.7 per cent.

First-half turnover rose 2 per cent to £105 million boosted by acquisitions. Underlying sales fell 5 per cent and earnings per share fell 49 per cent to 5.4p. Suter takes some comfort from the fact that there had been a 9 per cent improvement in the first-half's trading profits compared with the second half last year.

The employee head count is down by 350 and about 60 jobs are due to go. There was a £400,000 exceptional charge for losses incurred last year and the interest charge is up 47 per cent at £2.8 million. Profits in the chemicals division fell 51 per cent.

The confusion over the DTI investigation into some of the company's dealings is unlikely to help the shares, which are 3p off their high for the last 12 months. They may rise slightly on the strong yield but at 11.7 times earnings assuming pre-tax profits of £19 million, forecast by County NatWest, for the full year, they remain a highly speculative investment.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Will Lamont eat his words?

DEFINITION of an optimist: someone who invites Norman Lamont to an exhibition on mobile telephones. We take our hats off to *Mobile Telecom News*, which hopes to create a stir at Britain's largest exhibition for the mobile phone industry, opening at Wembley today. The magazine is celebrating its tenth anniversary with a large birthday cake, sporting a full-size copy of its front page. And the Chancellor, who dubbed mobile phones "the scourge of modern society" in this year's Budget, has been invited to be present when the cake is cut — allowing him, if he returns from Brussels in time, as it were, to eat his words . . .

St Regis gold

THE St Regis hotel in Manhattan, much loved by Alfred Hitchcock and Marlene Dietrich, reopens today after one of the most expensive refits in history. ITT, the American conglomerate and owner of the Sheraton chain, has spent three years and £70 million on refitting the majestic venue, which was built by Colonel John Astor in 1904, with Louis XVI furniture and 20 miles of gold leaf. Spotted roaming the passages last week was Rand Araskog, chairman of ITT, and one of America's most highly paid executives. He has been criticised by shareholders for taking home $11 million last year, even though the company's profits rose 4 per cent. Suites at the St Regis cost £1,700 a night.

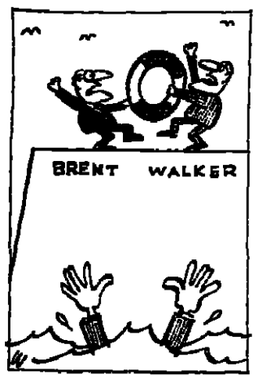
THE panic is over for one public relations company. Vivien Marcy, former director of the Rowland Company, has joined Cornerstone Communications as head of its crisis unit.

Worked to death

THE Japanese work 11 hours a day — and it is killing them. Or is it? Death from overwork, or *karoshi* as the phenomenon is known, is turning into a bad dream for Japanese executives, according to a review by *Esquire* magazine. As an increasing number of overstressed workers keel over in the street, a *karoshi* hotline has been set up to offer advice on staying alive. For all that, the Japanese still manage to live longer on average than anyone else — 81 for women and 76 for men — and those who supposedly die of *karoshi* probably have cigarettes, cholesterol and whisky to blame.

Greencore beckons

GREENCORE, the Dublin food group at the centre of a shareholding dispute, has wasted little time trying to replace Christopher Comerford, who resigned as group managing director last Wednesday. By Friday, advertisements for a new top man were running in the Irish national press, offering a salary of Ir£135,000 (£122,700) and upwards, along with a juicy package of benefits. The British Sunday newspapers followed through, and the company hopes to fill the space soon. Comerford stepped down over allegations that he held an undisclosed interest in a company that was acquired by Greencore before it went public in April.



Pay day, late day

AS TELEVISION companies go, TVS Entertainment is more aware of costs than most. TVS, which has bid £54 million to retain its south of England franchise, has already admitted cutting its grass mowing contract from £12,000 to £7,000. Now it has told staff they will be paid at the end of the month from now on, rather than on the 15th. Employees have been offered interest-free loans to tide them over, but the unions are expected to take a dim view of developments.

NOTICE fixed to a photocopier in a firm of accountants in Mayfair: "Copier temporarily not out of order."

Kaye back in town

SOCIETE Générale, the French bank, is training its sights on the competitive world of UK oil futures trading. Weeks after poaching Angela Hay and her team from Sucden, the French commodities house, to set up a rival operation at Fimat, Société Générale's subsidiary, the bank has appointed Brian Kaye to run Fimat's London operations. Kaye, who flew in from Tokyo two weeks ago, takes charge of all of Fimat's European operations and intends to flex his muscles in the weeks ahead. "We will be taking steps to become the major broker in financial futures in London," says Kaye, who was head-hunted by Société Générale in 1987 while working for Lloyds Bank in Japan. He replaces Miguel Gomez, former general manager of the London office.

JON ASHWORTH

British Vita

NOBODY could accuse British Vita, the nation's largest maker of polyurethane foams, of being a go-go glamour stock. Its virtues are derived from its management's solid Lancastrian common sense, which took it into continental Europe when everyone else was buying into America, and kept its gearing low when other companies were borrowing to the hilt.

The first half was predictably tough, but Germany, where the company has 28 per cent of its business, had another solid six months, thanks to buoyant demand for its foam products from the local furniture industry. The German performance partly offset a disappointing show in Spain and, more importantly, in Britain, where margins came under severe pressure. Overall, interim pre-tax profits were down 11 per cent to £24.2 million, but Bob McGee, the chairman, has reported a pick-up in margins and volumes from the second quarter onwards.

The company, where Kanak Bhatt becomes finance director on October 1, has started to make its first forays into the American market and, again, caution is the watchword. The first two small deals may give a base for expansion, but will not strain the balance sheet

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Formed in 1841 as an association of the leading chemists and druggists in Britain, the society has five main functions: registration, law enforcement, education, scientific publishing and establishing the ethics and standards required within pharmacies *(Pat Blair writes)*.

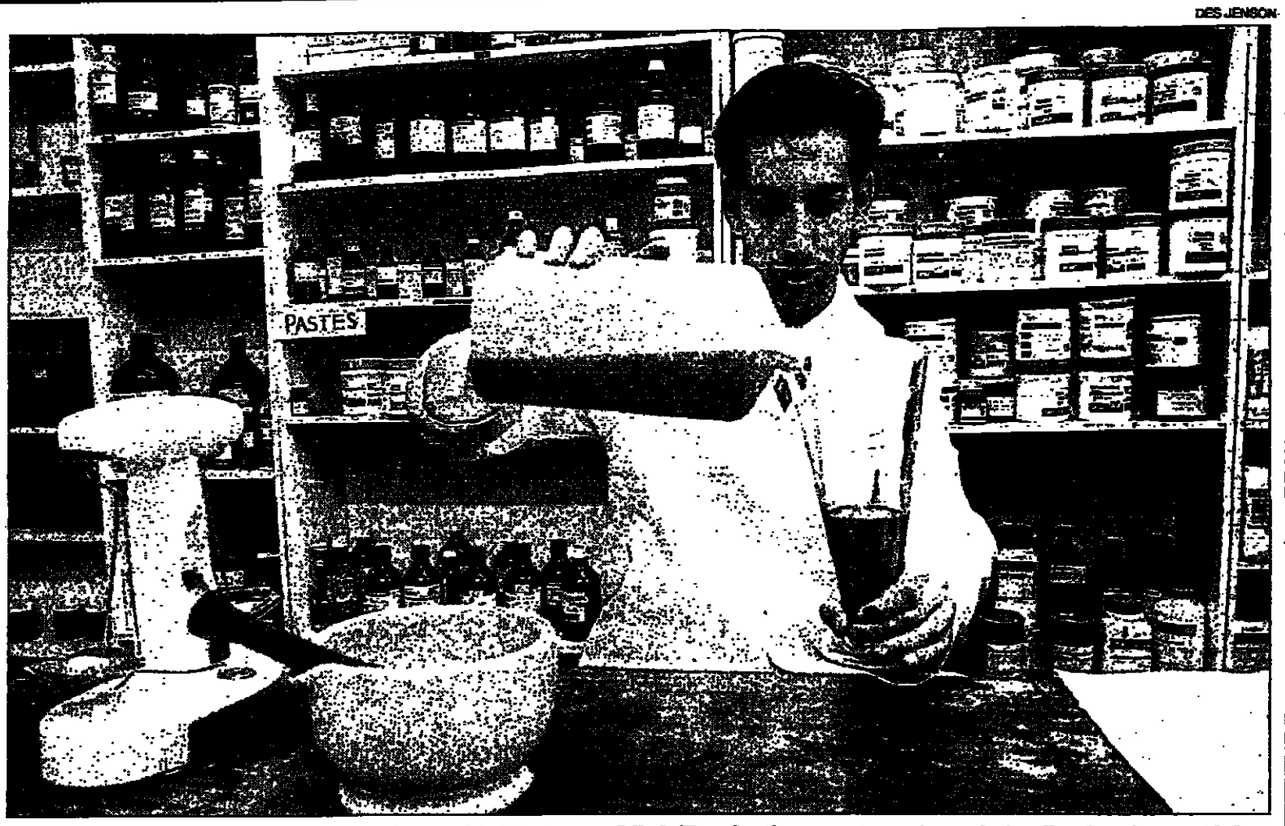
There are 37,700 pharmacists registered with the society, as well as 11,700 pharmacies and 1,800 saddleries and licensed agricultural-medicine merchants' premises, where animal medicines are stored and sold.

Within the society's legal division, headed by Susan Marsh, 20 inspectors have statutory powers under the Medicines Act to inspect all premises where medicines are sold — from pharmacies to corner shops, but excluding doctors' or veterinary surgeons' practices. Acting on the inspectors' reports, the society is empowered to prosecute where it finds medicines being sold illegally.

When it comes to a failure to maintain standards, whether of the pharmacist or the premises, the society's statutory committee can take direct action. "The ultimate penalty is removal from the register," says Roger Odd, head of the practice division. Any appeal against such a decision is to the High Court and then the Privy Council.

Under the auspices of its science division, the society also publishes scientific research, often through its *Pharmaceutical Journal*. It also publishes *Martindale*, the pharmaceutical reference "bible", and, with the British Medical Association, it also publishes the *British National Formulary*, which is updated every six months and widely used by the medical and allied professions.

DES JENSON



High street health care: pharmacists are moving out of their back rooms full of pills and potions as customers increasingly call on them for expert help

Self-help medicine for all

Dispensing medical advice is part of a pharmacist's job. **Pat Blair** looks at how their role is changing

All over Britain six million people a day visit a pharmacy, a million of them consulting the pharmacist for advice, according to figures from a survey by the National Pharmaceutical Association.

Roger Odd, the head of the practice division of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, says those figures pre-date recent campaigns to encourage the public to make greater use of pharmacists' expertise in providing advice and information about drugs and general health care.

The traditional picture of the white-coated figure counting out pills in the depths of a high street chemist's shop is no longer appropriate to today's pharmacist. He, or more probably she — 60 per cent of pharmacists are women — is more likely to be behind the counter giving out a wide range of advice.

While the pharmacy's main role is to dispense prescription medicines — of which more than 446 million were supplied last year — and supply general medicines to the public, more and more are offering a wider range of health-care services.

Pregnancy testing has long been available, but some pharmacists now also offer paid blood-pressure tests and cholesterol screening, as well as free advice on such diverse subjects as stopping smoking, suntan safety, migraine, back pain and diet. Monthly information leaflets, provided through the Pharmacy Health Care scheme run by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, are also available to customers.

Gill Hawksworth, a community pharmacist in Mirfield, West Yorkshire, opened her business five years ago in a small parade of shops in a housing development about two miles from the nearest doctor's surgery. A high proportion of elderly people, as well as young mothers, regard Mrs Hawksworth as their local health professional.

"It has been hard work, but I get a lot of job satisfaction out of it — and I'm needed by the community," she says. She employs ten part-time staff: a pharmacist; medicine-counter assistants, who have undergone or are in the process of attending a recognised training course; and, usually, a pre-registration pharmacist.

She operates a computerised medicines register, on which she can check possible drug interactions for each patient recorded on the system. As her shop is not near a doctor's surgery, "it is not quite as intense dispensing as some pharmacies — more a steady trickle throughout the day", she says.

"Nowadays we don't make up a lot of mixtures, although there are certain ointments that we still make," she says. "A very important part of our job is counselling patients and checking they know when and how to take their medicines."

In addition Mrs Hawksworth offers diabetes screening in a paid-for system now under trial, and runs a free delivery service for prescription medicines to housebound patients, often advising them on all aspects of the medicine, including any side-effects.

The fact that patients do not have to make an appointment to see a pharmacist means that the pharmacist will often be the first professional they consult. That advice may well be to go and see a doctor but equally pharmacists may provide reassurance over minor ailments.

A survey of 997 housewives carried out earlier this year by Mintel, the market analysts, found that more than 70 per cent of them recognised that the government was encouraging self-medication.

As Mintel quoted: "Some 60 per cent of respondents accepted the role of the pharmacist as adviser for the treatment of minor ailments and 74 per cent of respondents believed pharmacists to be as effective as doctors in this role."

A health department working party, set up earlier this year, and due to report next month, is reviewing the role of community pharmacists, looking at what they do now and whether there is any area that could be expanded.

Apart from their main task of supplying medicines and dispensing prescriptions, there are a number of newer roles, Mr Odd says. "We are trying to see if they can be expanded so that where they are thought to be of benefit to the community the pharmacists can, perhaps, be encouraged to participate and also be paid for some of the services they provide," he says.

Government money is already provided to pharmacists involved in needle-exchange schemes, designed to limit the spread of the HIV virus that causes Aids.

The question is, where next will the government put money to expand areas in which pharmacists are now prepared to operate?

Prescription for the future

Patients expect their GP to prescribe medicines — but costs must be reduced

For two out of three patients, a visit to the family doctor will end with a prescription. Several surveys have even concluded that most patients feel cheated if they are not given one.

In addition to the billions spent on prescription medicines, another £500 million is spent at the pharmacy. Over the past 30 years the spending on medicines has increased as new and better treatments for a wide variety of illnesses have become available.

That trend is likely to continue as health-screening programmes become more widely available and more people live longer. Health screening should form part of the growing interest in preventive medicine and health and fitness, but surveys into the expectations of patients suggest that once screening reveals something like high blood pressure the individual is likely to expect a quick-fix treatment.

Since all drugs have unwanted as well as beneficial side-effects, all medicines are tightly controlled. Testing of new drugs is regulated by the Medicines Act, which was established after the thalidomide disaster; but no drug can be guaranteed to be totally free of side-effects.

The modern drug industry dates from 1935. The first medicines based on modern synthetic substances were the sulphonamides. They were derived from a red dye called *prontosil rubra*, which produced an antibacterial agent in the body from the breakdown of the dye into a compound named sulphanilamide that blocks the growth of certain microbes. Since its discovery, hundreds of similar drugs have been produced.

Those employed today do not differ very much in their antibacterial effects, but they have limited uses and do not prevent the spread of many strains of bacteria.

In the antimicrobial field, scientists have recently created the quinolones, which are unusual in the way they kill the microbe by targeting and interfering with an enzyme that is critical to the replication of DNA when the bacteria is trying to multiply and spread.

Understandably, millions of prescriptions a year are issued for the proprietary compounds that follow such fundamental discoveries.

In 1985, in an effort to curb the mounting NHS drug bill, the government introduced a restricted list of medicines available on the NHS. Another way of reducing the bill, which has been rejected by the government, is to allow generic substitution. All prescription medicines have three names; the name of the active chemical on which they are based, a generic name that follows an international convention for describing classes of drug, and the brand name.

Patents last 20 years, but, since there is an up to ten-year gap before new drugs are marketed, companies expect to recoup their money in the ten years before expiry. Competitors are free to market generics (their own cheaper version) once the patent has run out.

Some doctors need reassurance about the quality of generics. But it is perhaps the patients who worry most on finding a change on the name, appearance and packaging of their tablets.

PEARCE WRIGHT

Fuelling the nation's wealth

Despite the recession, sales by the drug industry are rising at home and abroad

BRITAIN'S pharmaceutical companies are major contributors to the economy *(Pat Blair writes)*.

While manufacturing declined in 1990, output in the pharmaceutical industry rose by 5 per cent, according to figures published last month by the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (APBI).

Total sales last year reached £6.7 billion. Of that, the industry exported products worth £2.2 billion and earned a record trade surplus of £1 billion in pharmaceuticals to help boost the country's balance of payments, says the ABPI, which represents 111 British manufacturers.

These sales are not only made in prescription medicines. Last month a report by Mintel International group, the market research analyst, estimated that the value of the market in over-the-counter health-care products would this year be around £950 million rising to £1 billion by 1994. The market for homoeopathic medicines, it says, doubled in four years, from £6 million in 1986 to £12 million in 1990, and is expected to reach £15 million by the end of this year.

ANNUALLY, pharmaceutical companies now spend around £1 billion on research and development, a four-fold increase over the past ten years.

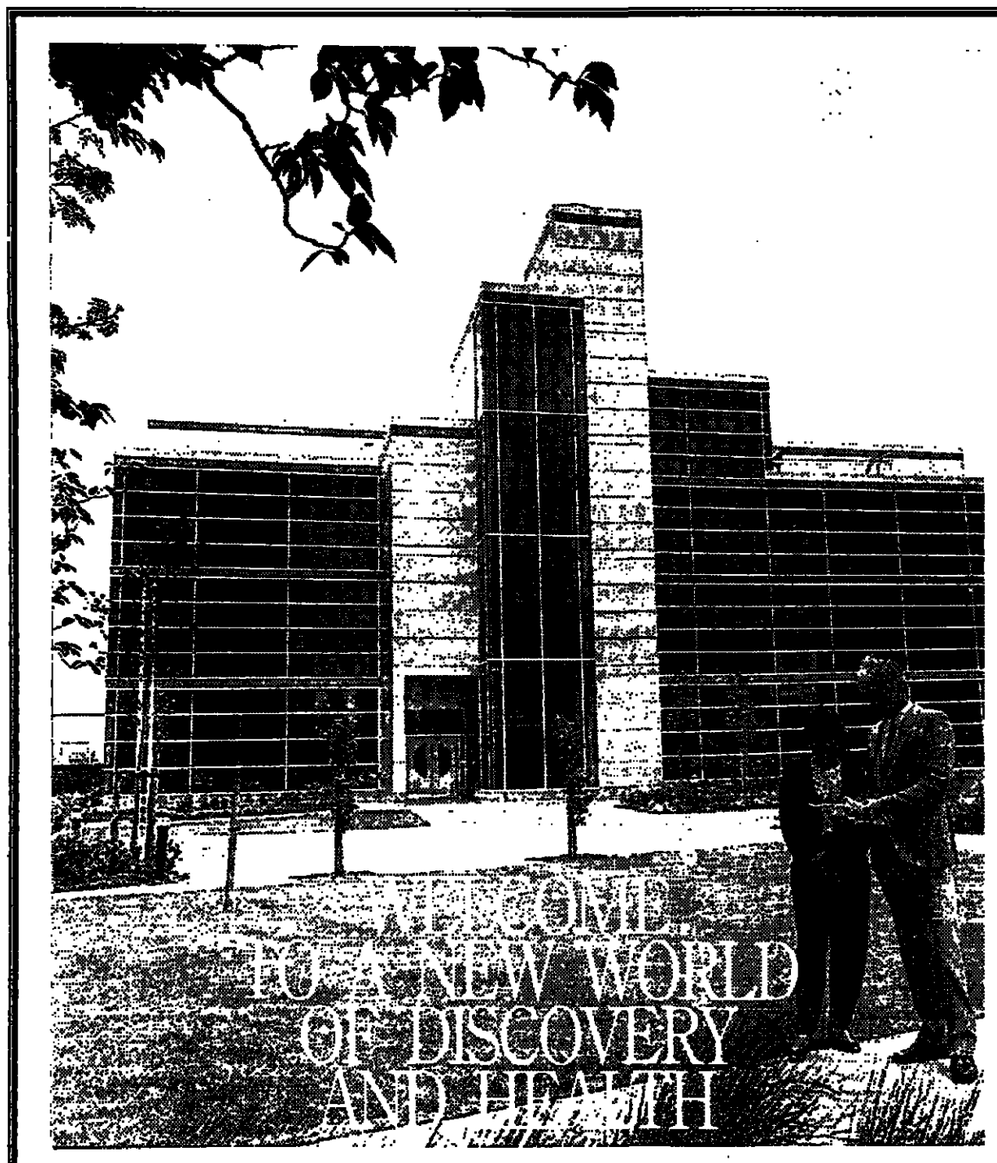
However, they have constantly lobbied for a longer term of patent protection. Under the present system a patent is valid for only 20 years. Given the amount of time it takes to develop, test and gain licences for medicines destined for human consumption, the industry effectively has only eight years' protection. When the patent lapses, other companies can capitalise on successful compounds, without incurring the development costs.

As 1992 and the single European market approaches, the European Commission has proposed a period of patent protection of up to 16 years from the time the product is on the market. In contrast, the British government has proposed a 13-year term.

Dr John Griffin, the director of the APBI, has already sounded alarm bells. Government policies, he says, "could seriously hamper the industry as we approach the challenge of 1992. It will not just be the industry that suffers: lack of proper encouragement in the search for new treatments will affect patient care and hamper the industry's export efforts."

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Good pharmacists are in demand and the profession is particularly attractive to women, **Pat Blair** reports

Branching out in all directions

TED BATH



Patient care: Beverly Bevan, a clinical services pharmacist, speaks to Muriel Winger at Princess Alexandra hospital

Endless and limitless – that is how one pharmacist describes the opportunities in industry open to pharmacy graduates. Industrial pharmacy is one of the three main branches of the profession, the others being community pharmacy – the retail, or high street, chemist – and hospital pharmacy. All, however, have one thing in common: nationwide, the demand for graduates is generally greater than the supply. Good, keen pharmacists are seldom unemployed.

This is because the pharmacy training course provides a broad-based science degree – Bachelor of Science (B.Sc) or Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm) – that is readily adaptable to a variety of working conditions. Three or four-year pharmacy degree courses are offered at 16 schools of pharmacy in Britain: ten universities, five polytechnics and one Scottish central institution.

'The prospects are very good if you are dynamic and go-ahead'

Applicants usually need three A-levels, including chemistry, plus any two subjects from a biological science, mathematics and physics. Alternatively, they may hold a combination of two A-levels, one being chemistry, plus two AS-levels that include at least one science subject.

Graduates must then do one year's paid practical training – in any branch of the profession, although six months must be spent in either a community or hospital pharmacy – before taking the registration examination that allows them to practise as pharmacists. Here, both the pharmacy and the supervision tutor must be approved for training purposes by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

After that, it is into the wide world of pharmacy. Within the pharmaceutical industry, Dr Linda Hakes, a project manager at the Lilly Research Centre in Windlesham, Surrey, says: "The main areas pharmacists enter are product formulation and development, manufacturing, product registration or information functions – either to other disciplines within a company or to outside organisations such as hospitals, family doctors, poisons units or health service bodies."

Sales and marketing are often springboards to higher management within the pharmaceutical industry. Here, Dr Hakes says, a job applicant with a pharmacy degree has the edge over other graduates "all other things being equal".

The National Health Service similarly offers choice to the pharmacist, and both the career structure and the pay has improved in recent years.

On entry to the hospital service, a basic-grade pharmacist would expect to receive £11,700 (more in London). Typically, however, a new entrant would earn about £13,200, rising after four years to about £20,000. "The prospects are very good if you are dynamic and go-ahead. There is a good career structure and there are different specialities within hospital pharmacy," says Andrew Barber, the principal pharmacist at the Princess Alexandra hospital in Harlow, Essex.

The branch of the profession that is rapidly developing its advisory role to the public is that of community pharmacy. There is choice here again: whether to run one's own business, do locum work, or work for one of the big retail pharmacy chains. Starting salaries are about £12,000 a year.

Those who opt for the academic life may go into research or teaching, whether in schools, universities, polytechnics or veterinary schools. Of all branches of the profession, teaching is likely to be comparatively the least well-paid.

There are also some lesser known areas in which pharmacists work. Those with a diploma in agricultural and veterinary pharmacy, for example, find the way open to pharmacies specifically geared to agricultural or veterinary work, such as farmers' co-operatives and industrial manufacturers. Forensic science laboratories also employ qualified pharmacists.

Pharmacy can be particularly suited to women with children. Sixty per cent of registered pharmacists are women and while their children are growing up female pharmacists often undertake locum or part-time work before returning full-time.

People in the field emphasise that pharmacy is also a profession in which one can move reasonably freely from one branch to another, from community pharmacy to industry, for example, at any stage in their lives.

OPTIONS FOR THOSE WITH A TECHNICAL BENT

PHARMACY work is not exclusive to those with a pharmacy degree *(Pat Blair writes)*. In dispensaries, for example, while responsibility lies with the pharmacist, a lot of the work is done by pharmacy technicians who hold the Business and Technician Education Council (BTEC) certificate in pharmaceutical sciences.

The course, run in a number of technical and further education colleges, is open to those employed in a pharmacy. It is normally taken on a day-release basis over two or three years.

Applicants require four or five GCSEs, including science subjects – chemistry, biology, mathematics, physics – and English language. An alternative is the certificate of the Society of Apothecaries, which offers day-release or correspondence courses. Students can then go on for a further year of day-release study for the BTEC qualification.

Typically, qualified technicians start in the NHS at a salary of £10,000 a year; senior technicians will earn about £13,000; while chief technicians start at about £16,000.

No longer confined to dispensaries

Work in hospitals ranges from advising consultants to intravenous feeding

CLINICAL pharmacists are often to be found among the white-coated group on rounds of hospital wards. They can advise doctors on drug therapy, either in response to a question from the doctor or, where the pharmacist has monitored the patient's prescription card, make an alternative suggestion *(Pat Blair writes)*.

At the 400-bed Princess Alexandra hospital in Harlow, Essex, Andrew Barber is the principal pharmacist. "The pharmacist is there as an adviser, suggesting to medical consultants and registrars alternative medication, or ways of delivering medicine appropriate to the needs of the patient," he says. In July, for example, the Princess Alexandra pharmacy issued nearly 8,000 items. Of these more than 2,000 went to outpatients; 1,600 were stock items for general use on the wards; 1,700 were medicines for individual inpatients and about 2,500 were drugs issued to patients on their discharge. That, according to Mr Barber, is a typical month.



Andrew Barber: expanding role

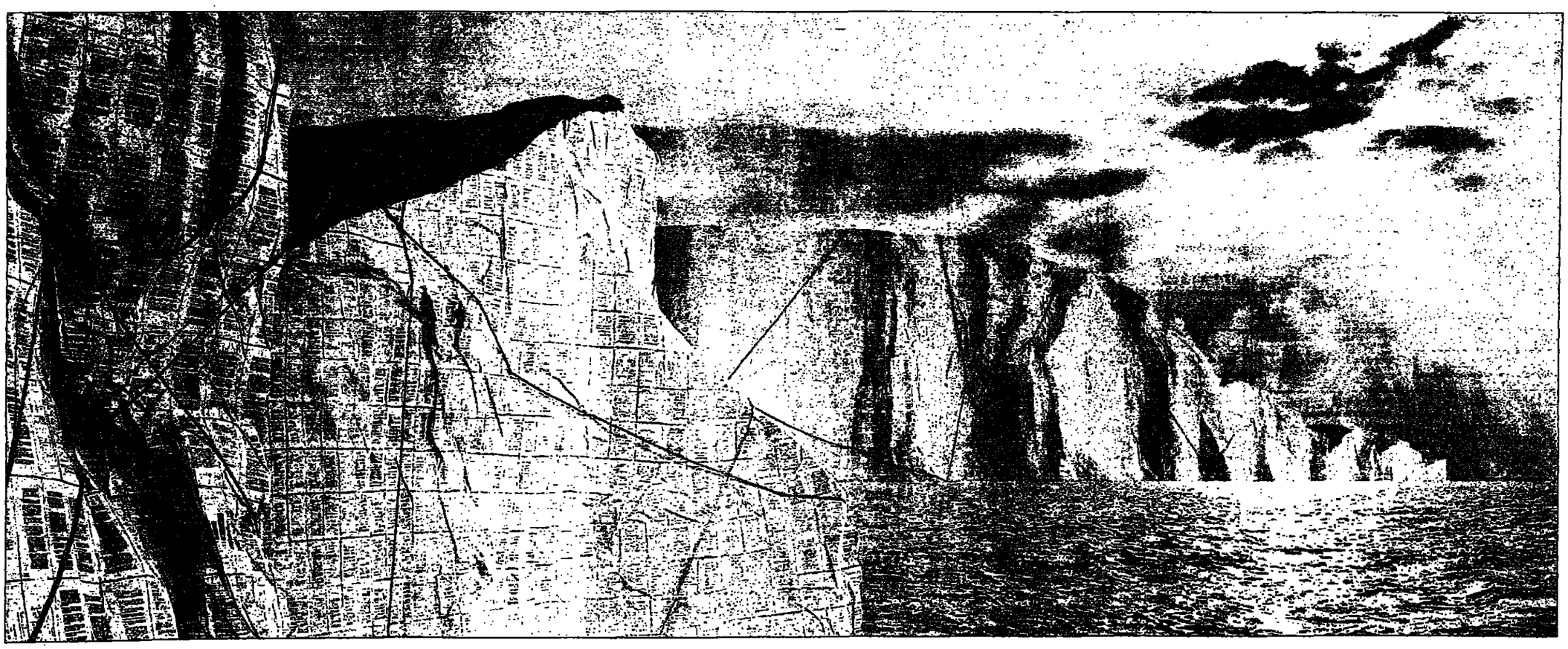
He manages a department of 40 people in three pharmacies across the health district and is responsible for a wide range of services for patients, hospital staff and local family doctors. Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians provide an on-call service, mainly used at weekends.

A key area in hospital pharmacy is the buying and distribution of medicines. Hospital dispensaries, under the control of a registered pharmacist, supply and control medicine stocks to the wards, generally in discussion with the ward sister and for use on a day-to-day basis. They also supply drugs specially requested by the consultant for individual patients and service the medicinal needs both of out-patients and patients being discharged. Within the dispensary, "a lot of the work is performed by qualified pharmacy technicians who hold the BTEC in pharmaceutical sciences," Mr Barber says.

Pharmacists in the dispensary also work in specialist teams, for example responsible for feeding patients entirely intravenously – total parenteral nutrition. "It is the pharmacist who possesses the skills and the knowledge to prescribe parenteral nutrition," Mr Barber says. The feeds, which contain everything the patient needs, from carbohydrates to fats, salts and minerals, are made up by pharmacists to individual requirements.

"It is possible to buy more things off the shelf but we don't have the same flexibility if we buy, for example, from a drug company," Mr Barber says. The pharmacists monitor the quality of medicines. A limited number of medicinal compounds are also prepared at the hospital, although when Crown immunity against prosecution was removed from NHS premises the number of hospital manufacturing bases dropped because pharmacies, in effect, had to apply for a licence to manufacture.

IT TAKES MILLIONS OF WORDS TO WRITE ONE PRESCRIPTION





But the documentation necessary to gain approval for a new medicine is only one sign of the enormous intellectual and financial effort involved.

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WALL STREET

New York – Shares erased a moderate loss, but remained mostly flat in sluggish and choppy mid-morning activity.

The Dow Jones industrial average was ahead 0.22 of a point at 3,011.85 in early trading.

Advancing shares took a narrow lead over declining issues, with about 22 million shares traded. *(Reuter)*

	Sep 9 midday	Sep 6 close
Abbott Lab	54¼	54½
Aetna Life	34½	34¾
Ahmanson	18¾	18¾
Air Prods	67¼	67¾
Albertsons	41½	42
Alcan Al	20¾	20¾
Alco Stand	32	33¼
Allied Signal	38¾	38¾
Alumn CA	66¾	67¼
Am Brands	43	43¼
Am Cyanmd	62½	63
Am EPC	30¼	30
Am General	39¾	39¾
Am Home	63¾	63¾
Am Intl	85¾	85¾
Am Stores	40	40
Amax	20½	20½
Amer Hess	56¾	56¾
Amertech	62¼	62
Amgn	26	26¼
Amoco	52¾	53¼
AMP	53¾	53¾
AMR	56¾	56¾
Anheuser-B	53¾	53¾
Apple Comp	51¼	51
Archer-Dan	25¾	25¾
Arkla	16¾	16¾
Armco	4¾	4¾
Armstrong	32¾	32¾
Asarco	26¾	26¾
Ashland Oil	30¾	30¾
AT&T	38¾	39¼
Atlan Richfld	118¼	118¾
Auto DP	33¾	33
Avery Denn	22	22
Avon Prod	43¾	44
Baltimore	30¾	30¾
Banc One	45¼	45¾
Bankamerica	42¾	42¾
Bard	24½	24¾
Barrett Bk	32¾	32½
Bausch Lmb	46¾	46
Baxter Intl	33¾	34¼
Bec Dickm	67	67¼
Bell Atlan	48¾	48¾
Bellsouth	49½	49¾
Bkr Hughes	25½	26¾
Black Decker	18¾	18¾
Boeing	50¾	50¾
Boise Casc	27½	28¾
Bordan	33¾	33¾
Brist-Myer	86¾	86¾
Browng-Fer	20½	21¼
Burl Nth	32¾	32¾
CAI	7¾	8
Campbell Sp	77¾	78¾
Cap Cities	426¼	426
Capital HC	47¼	47½
Carolina	47¾	47½
Caterpillar	46½	46¾
CBS	155¾	156¾
Central SW	47¾	47¾
Champion	25¾	25¾
Chase Man	20¾	20¾
Chem Bnkg	26¾	26¾
Chevron	71¾	72¼
Chrysler	11¾	11¾
Chubb	64¼	64¾
Cigna	42¾	42½
Citicorp	14½	14¾
Citizns Lc	41¾	41¾
Clorox	41	41
Cmwlth Edis	39¾	39¾
CNA Fincl	85¾	85¾
Coastal	30¾	30¾
Coca-Cola	64½	65¼
Colgate-Pal	40¾	40¾
Colmb Gas	17¾	17¾
Compaq	36	34¾
Consgra	45¾	46
Cons Edis	24¾	24¾
Cons NG	41¾	41¾
Cons Rail	70¾	71
Cooper Ind	53¾	54¾
Corning	68¼	68¾
CPC Intl	91¼	91¾
Crown Cork	86¾	85¾
CSX	50¾	50¾
Dana	30¾	30¾
Dayton-Hud	75½	75¾
Deere	52	51¾
Delta Air	64	64
Deluxe	46¾	46¾
Detroit Edi	30¾	30½
Digital Eq	61¾	61½
Dillard	130¾	130¾
Disney	115¼	115¾
Dominion	49	48¾
Donnelley	45¾	45¾
Dover	38¾	38¾
Dow Chem	52¾	53¾
Dow Jones	25¾	25¾
Dresser Ind	20¾	20¾
Du Pont	46¾	46¾
Duke Pwr	29¾	29¾
Dun Bradst	44¾	44¼
East Kodak	43¾	42¾
Eaton	63¾	64¾
Emerson El	46¾	47¼
Enron	69¾	64
Entergy	24¾	24¾
Ethyl	24¾	24¾
Exxon	56¾	59
Fed NMA	59½	59¾
Fedrl Exprs	37½	37¾
Fst Nonstor	24¼	24¾
Fstar	43¾	44¼
Ford Motor	30½	30¾
FPL	32¾	33
Fst Chicago	26	25¾
Fst Intrstt	32¾	32¾
Fst Union	24¾	24¾
Gannett	43	42¾
GAP	42¾	42¾
Gen Cinema	22¾	22½
Gen Elec	70¼	70¾
Gen Mills	63¾	63¾
Gen Motors	36¾	36¾
Gen RE	69¼	69¾
Gen Signal	48¾	48¾
Genuine Pts	41¾	41½
Georgia-Pac	54¾	53¾
Gillette	41¾	42¼
Goodrich	45¾	46¼
Goodyear	42	42
Grace	37	37¾
Greyhound	36¾	36¾
Gt Atlantic	35¾	35¾
Gt Western	18	18¾
Halliburton	26¾	26¾
Hanna	40¾	40¾
Hercules	40¾	40
Harshey Fd	39¾	40¼
Hewlett Pkd	51¾	50¾
Hilton Htl	40¾	40¾
Homsite Depot	51¾	51¾
Homestake	15¾	15¾
Honeywell	54¾	54¼
Houston Ind	38¾	38
Hoshld Intl	60¾	61¼
Humana	32	31¾
IBM	100¾	99¾
IF&F	62¾	63¾
Illinois TW	65¾	65¾
Inco	32¾	33
Ingol-Rand	49¾	49¾
Inland Steel	21¾	21¾
Intel	47¾	47¾
Intl Paper	65¾	66¼
ITT	59	58¾
James River	22¾	22¾
Johnson Jhsn	89¾	89¾
K Mart	42¾	42¾
Kellogg	104¾	104¾
Kerr-McGee	42¾	42¾
Kimbly-Clrk	93¾	93¾
Knight-Ridr	53¾	53¾
Lilly	80¾	80¾
Limited	24¾	25
Lin Bridcstg	71¾	71
Lincln Nat	49¾	49¾
Litton Ind	89	89¾
Lockheed	42¾	42¾
Lous-Pac	42¾	42½
Manu Hano	29¾	30
Marriott	17	17¾
Marsh Mclen	77¾	78¼
Martin Mar	53¾	54
Masco	23¾	23¾
May Dept	57	57¾
Maytag	14¾	14¾
McDnl Doug	57¾	58¾
McDonalds	31¾	31¾
McGraw-Hill	53¾	53½
MCI Com	29	29
Mead	33	33
Medtronic	65¾	65¾
Mellon Bk	32	32¾
Melville	46¾	46¾
Merck	128¾	127¾
Merll Lynch	41¾	42
Minnesota	85¾	86¾
Mobil	69¾	69½
Monsanto	72¾	72¾
Moore	24¾	24½
Morgan JP	55¾	56¾
Motorola	65¾	66
Nat Medical	43¾	44
Nat Semi	5	4¾
Nat Service	23¾	23¾
Navistar	3	3
NCNB	37¾	37¾
NCR	108¾	109¾
NED Bncp	42¾	42¾
Newmnt Min	38	35¾
Nlagr Mhwk	16¾	16¾
Nike	48¾	48¾
NL Indstrs	16¾	16¾
Nordstorm	47¾	47¾
Norflk Shn	50¾	50¾
Norwest	30¾	31
Nthn St Pwr	37¾	37¾
Nthn Telcm	40¾	39¾
NY Times	21¾	21¾
Nynex	75¼	75¾
Occid Petrl	23¾	23½
Ohio Ed	19¾	19½
Oracle Sys	10¾	10¾
Oryx Energy	35¾	35¾
Pac Ent	30¾	30
Pac Gas Elec	27½	27¾
Pac Telesis	41¾	42¾
Paccar	47	46½
Pacifcrp	22¾	22¾
Pall	37¾	38
Paramount	37¾	37¾
Parker-Hanfn	26	26
Penney	49¾	49¾
Pennzoil	66¾	67¾
Pepsico	29¾	29¾
Pfizer	67¾	68
Phlps Pet	28	28¼
Phildpa Elec	21½	21¾
Philp Morris	73¾	72¾
Philps Dodge	69	69
Pitney Bow	61¼	61
Placer Dm	11¾	11½
PNC Fncl	40¾	40¾
Polydls Estn	12¾	13
Polaroid	25¾	25¾
PPG Inds	56¾	56½
Prctr Gmble	82¾	82¾
Price	61½	61
Primerica	32½	32¾
Pub Service	27	27¾
Quaker Oats	58¾	58¾
Ralston Pur	50¾	50½
Raychem	32¾	33¼
Raytheon	81¾	81¾
Reebok	31¾	31½
Rowcwy	47¾	47¾
Rockwell	28¾	28¾
Rohm Haas	45¾	45¾
Royal Dutch	62¾	61¾
Rubbermaid	56	56¾
SAFECO	38¾	38¾
Salomon	23¾	24
Sant Fe Pac	9¾	9¾
Sara Lee	43¾	43¾
Schlmbrgr	71¾	72¾
Schrg-Plgh	55¾	56
Scott Papr	40¾	40¾
Seagram	110¾	110¾
Sears Rbk	39¾	39¾
Secrty Pac	34¾	34¾
Shrwin-Wlms	24¾	24¾
Skyline	15¾	15¾
Snap-on Tls	30¾	30¾
Southern	27¾	27¾
St Paul	65¾	65
Stanley Wk	38¾	38½
Stone Cntr	20¾	21
Sun Co	32¾	32¾
Suntst Bk	34¾	34¾
Super Valu	25¾	25¾
SW Bell	55¾	55¾
Syntex	43¾	43¾
Sysco	43¾	44¼
Tandem	11¾	11¾
Tandy	27¾	27¾
Tele-comm	13¾	13¾
Teledyne	20¾	20
Temple-In	47¾	47¾
Terraco	42¾	42¾
Texaco	62¾	63¾
Texas Inst	29¾	30
Texas Util	37¾	37¾
Textron	33¾	33¾
Time Wrnr	81¾	80¾
Times Mirr	30¾	30¾
Timken	27¾	28¾
Tandmark	51¾	51¾
Toys R Us	33	33¼
Transam	36¾	36¾
Travelers	19¾	19¾
Tribune	44	44
TRW	43¾	43¾
Tyco Lab	39¾	39¾
UAL	128	127¾
Un Camp	45	45¾
Un Carbide	20¾	21
Un Pacific	90	91½
Unilever	83¾	83¾
Unisys	n/a	7¾
Unocal	25¾	26
Upjohn	43¾	43¾
US Life	41	41½
US West	36¾	36¾
Utscr Gp	11¾	11¾
USF&G	8¾	8¾
UST	48¾	47¾
USX Mar	30¾	30¾
Utd Tech	46¾	46¾
Utd Telcm	25¾	25¾
VF	31¾	31¾
Wal-Mart	49¾	50¾
Waste Mgmt	36¾	37¾
Wells Fargo	73¾	72¾
Westg Elec	22¾	22¾
Weyerhsr	28¾	27¾
Whirlpool	35¾	35¾
Whittmen	13¾	13¾
Winn-Dixie	35¾	36¾
Woolworth	29	29
Wrigley	62¾	62¾
Wrner-Lamb	71¾	71¾
Xerox	58¾	58

STOCK MARKET

Impending cash calls keep investors on the sidelines

THE prospect of a large number of cash calls during the next couple of months is starting to weigh heavily with institutional investors.

Share prices drifted throughout the day on lack of support, but dealers reported only minimal selling pressure, in spite of the market's recent record-breaking run. This was reflected in turnover with only 345 million shares traded.

The FT-SE 100 index closed off the bottom at 2,653.2, with a fall of 14.2 points, having been almost 19 points lower. The FT index of 30 shares lost 5points to 2,088.6.

The second call of £1.5 billion is due on the electricity companies next month, and will be followed by the sale of the government's remaining stake in British Telecom, worth an estimated £5 billion. As a result, fund managers appear reluctant to chase the equity market much higher.

Government securities were affected by news of the issue of £600 million of new tap stock. Gains of £⅛ at the longer end were halved.

British Aerospace tumbled 37p to 518p, on turnover of 5 million shares, after issuing a profits warning in advance of its interim figures tomorrow, and an expected £500 million rights issue. The group was prompted by weekend reports suggesting a drop in pre-tax profits from £146 million to £80 million. The company has now said that the final outcome will be "well below" City expectations. Last night, whispers swept the Square Mile that BAe's financial advisers had revised the terms down from a one-for-three issue to a five-for-seven at about 450p a share.

Rolls-Royce fell 4p to 139p. Half-year figures on Thursday are expected to show pre-tax profits tumbling from £115 million to about £25 million.

Reed International, the publishing and paper group, touched 493p before ending 10p better at 488p, on the back of Americans buying the shares. Dealers say Reed may have benefited from a series of presentations given for New York fund managers by its rival **Pearson**, 1p firmer at 764p, which owns Penguin and the *Financial Times*.

Queens Moat, the fast-growing hotel chain, firmed ½p to 93½p ahead of a two-day trip by fund managers and analysts to its German operation. Half-year figures were better than expected.

Marks and Spencer fell 3p to 285p on claims that the group is considering pulling out of America and selling its Brooks Brothers subsidiary. Kleinwort Benson, the broker, has been urging clients to switch out of M&S and into **Kingfisher**, 3p better at 574p.

Cadbury Schweppes, the confectionery and soft drinks group, remained a firm market, advancing 6p to 402p, helped by continued support for the shares in the traded options market.

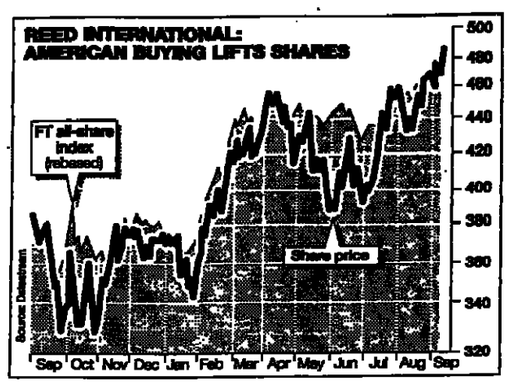
Northern Foods expanded 9p to 534p, helped by recommendations from Hoare Govett and Warburg Securities, the brokers. There is talk that Northern may become a constituent of the FT-SE 100. **Ultramar** rallied 5p to 271p. There have been suggestions that it may be about to lose its status as a constituent after a period of underperformance.

Great Western Resources, the oil and gas exploration group, saw its shares slump by one-third to 20p.

Siebe, the engineer, jumped 12p to 546p helped by an upbeat report to shareholders by Barrie Stephens, the chairman, at the annual meeting. The shares have now risen 150p since the group unveiled full-year figures in June

Shares of **Babcock Prebon**, the financial services group, were suspended at 2¾p prior to the administrative receiver being appointed. **Ramar Textiles** also called a halt to dealings in its shares at 14p, pending clarification of its financial position.

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First Leisure seems to have no shortage of followers. The shares rose 8p to 279p, helped by a buy recommendation from Panmure Gordon, which has completed a two-year review of prospects. It regards First Leisure as one of the best buys in the sector. Dealers say the shares are also benefiting from another broker's advice to switch into the shares.

WORLD MARKETS

Nikkei beats a retreat

Tokyo – Shares closed at their day's low, depressed by falling futures prices and profit-taking. The Nikkei average ended 118.62 points, or 0.52 per cent, down at 22,573.98.

☐ **Hong Kong** – Shares closed lower on late selling in a thin market that lacked news, brokers said. The Hang Seng index, which eased 8.87 points in the morning, closed 30.37 points, or 0.76 per cent, lower at 3,940.54.

☐ **Sydney** – A lack of leads on the economic front caused share prices to close lower. The all-ordinaries index closed at 1,564.5 points, 7.3 points lower on the day.

☐ **Frankfurt** – Shares fell 0.8 per cent in lifeless trade. The Dax index ended 13.12 points lower at 1,633.06. *(Reuter)*

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,144	Cadbury	1,650	Lonrho	454	Royal Bank	346
Alld-Lyons	996	CU	299	Lucas	460	Royal Ins	184
Anglian	158	Courtaulds	431	M&S	2,284	Salisbury	885
ASDA	2,229	Enterprise	436	Maxwell Cm	200	Scot & N	226
AB Foods	398	Eurotunnel	222	MEPC	1,367	Scot Power	4,107
Argyll	885	Fisons	1,233	Midland	539	Sears	4,088
Arjo Wigg	445	Forte	2,054	Natl Power	1,714	Severn Trnt	1,159
BAA	175	Gen Acc	598	Nat West	2,301	Shell	1,448
BET	4,170	GEC	1,577	N W Water	608	Smith & N	842
BTR	2,646	Glaxo	714	P&O	435	SK Beech	1,281
BAT	2,984	Grand Met	1,975	Pearson	123	Sun Alnce	642
Barclays	785	GUS 'A'	178	Pilkington	1,175	Tarmac	1,133
Bass	235	GRE	1,371	PowerGen	1,847	Tate Lyle	499
BICC	46	Guinness	695	Prudential	1,736	TSB	530
Bk Scotind	926	Hanson	2,810	Racal	3,409	Tesco	2,380
Blue Circle	1,052	Hawker	179	Rank	208	Thames Wtr	654
BOC	123	Hillsdown	2,530	R&C	505	Thorn EMI	300
Boots	713	ICI	969	Redland	498	Trafalgar	1,680
Br Aero	5,070	Inchcape	63	Reed	1,228	Ultramar	1,689
Br Airways	3,444	Kingfisher	1,013	Rentokil	267	Unilever	1,122
Br Gas	2,504	Lasmo	850	Reuters	380	United Bis	445
Br Petrol	2,091	Ladbroke	1,196	RMC Gp	115	Wellcome	223
Br Steel	3,900	Land Sec	567	RTZ	978	Whitbrd	656
Br Telecm	4,193	L&G	353	R-Royce	4,830	Williams	1,567
C&W	845	Lloyds	350	Rothmans 'B'	48	Willis Cor	757

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Split (100p)	104
Arbreak Lex	36
Alliance Res	20
Capital Ventures	110
Claremont Gmts (175p)	189
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	108
County Smlr Inv	96
Culver Hldgs (4p)	5
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	100 +
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	68
East Germany Inv (100p)	120
Etonbrook	68
Eurocamp (225p)	243 +2
Fleming Emerg Mkt	99
Gartmore Inc (100p)	108 –1
Gartmore Cap (100p)	97
Geared Inc (100p)	103 +1
Greencore	220 –4
Headline Book (100p)	129
Klenwort High Inc	106
Lowndes Lambert (290p)	320
Manchester Utd (385p)	285
Mirror Group (125p)	101 –½
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	109
Oryx Gold	137
Simpson of Cornhl	47
Sterling Tst	46 +1
Tollgate	100 –2
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	44
US Smaller	105

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

Benson Gp N/P	2½ +1
Capital&Cts N/P	5 –3
Kleen-E-Zee N/P	3
Mayflower N/P	1 +½
Pelican Gp N/P	2
Try Gp N/P	13 +2

(Issue price in brackets).

MAJOR INDICES

New York:		Belgium:	
Dow Jones	3004 70 (–6 93)*	Paris: CAC	5633 91 (–38 47)
S&P Composite	388 43 (–0 67)*	Zurich: SKA Gen	490 56 (–1 77)
Tokyo:		London:	Closed
Nikkei Average	22573 98 (–118 62)	FT–A All Share	1278 85 (–5.22)
Hong Kong:		FT – 500	1418 40 (–6.27)
Hang Song	3940 54 (–30 37)	FT Gold Mines	161 5 (–0 5)
FT SE Eurotrack 100	1116 88 (–7 80)	FT Fixed Interest	95 46 (+0 12)
Amsterdam:		FT Govt Secs	86 94 (+0.32)
CBS Tendenc,	92 4 (–0 2)	Bargains	30465
Sydney: AO	1564 5 (–7 5)	SE AO Volume	345 8m
Frankfurt: DAX	1633 06 (–13 12)	USM (Datastream)	128 07 (+0 52)
Brussels:		*Denotes midday trading price	

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Oct	Calls Jan	Apr	Oct	Puts Jan	Apr
Allid Lyons (*612)	550	74	–	–	6	–	–
	600	37	–	–	20	–	–
	650	17	–	–	49	–	–
ASDA (*99)	90	22	24	25	1	2	3
	100	9½	18	12	6	7½	9½
Bass (*987)	950	72	–	–	7	–	–
	977	38	–	–	21	–	–
	1026	16	–	–	50	–	–
Boots (*459)	390	53	59	69	1½	5	7
	420	27	37	48	6	12	14
	460	7	17	27	27	33	34
Br Airways (*193)	160	36	39	44	1½	5½	4½
	180	18	22	30	5½	8	10
	200	6	13	18	12	17	19
BP (*344)	300	49	52	56	1	2½	4½
	330	22	29	34	4	8½	11
Br Steel (*123)	120	7½	–	–	4	–	–
	130	3	–	–	8½	–	–
	140	1	–	–	18	–	–
C & W (*579)	500	86	96	–	3	7	–
	550	42	57	76	7	17	22
	600	15	33	48	31	40	45
GU (*515)	460	64	78	–	1½	4	–
	500	30	47	56	7½	14	20
	550	6	18	29	38	41	45
Courtauld (*499)	420	85	92	104	1½	3	6
	460	48	60	74	4½	10½	13
	500	20	35	48	17	23	26
GKN (*360)	330	58	–	–	1½	–	–
	360	30	–	–	5½	–	–
	390	15	–	–	18	–	–
Grand Met (*439)	390	58	61	92	8	22	28
	850	25	50	63	27	42	48
	900	8	28	42	58	71	77
ICI (*1326)	1300	67	114	129	24	45	64
	1350	40	87	100	50	69	87
	1400	22	65	77	84	95	115
Kingfisher (*574)	500	78	93	109	3	6	9
	550	38	53	75	9	17	21
	600	11	31	45	33	41	45
Ladbroke (*282)	260	26	34	41	5	9	13
	280	11	22	30	11	17	22
	300	4½	13	19	26	30	33
Land Sec (*532)	460	77	82	92	1¼	3	4½
	500	41	49	64	3½	10	12
	550	8½	19	32	25	31	35
M & S (*285)	260	29	34	43	1½	5	7
	280	14	22	29	6½	12	14
	300	4½	13½	18½	18	22	24
Sainsbury (*372)	336	51	58	–	1	3	–
	356	34	35	–	3	8½	–
	386	7	17	–	18	23	–
Shell (*525)	460	66	75	80	2	4½	8
	500	29	43	50	6	12	20
	550	4½	16	21	40	48	48
Smith Beech (*784)	750	52	75	95	9	21	27
	800	22	49	65	31	42	47
	850	7	26	43	68	74	75
Storehse (*123)	110	15	18	21	2	5	6½
	120	7½	11½	15	5	8½	10½
	130	3½	7	11	12	15	17
Trafalgar (*245)	231	25	30	–	6	35	–
	251	11	19	–	15	26	–
	271	5	10½	–	29	39	–
Ultramar (*271)	260	19	29	32	5	10	15
	280	8	17	20	14	18	25
	300	4½	10	–	32	32	–
Unilever (*764)	650	125	–	–	2	–	–
	700	75	92	–	3	7½	–
	750	35	55	70	12	23	28
	800	10	29	44	41	47	53
Utd Biscuits (*397)	360	41	48	55	2½	6½	11
	390	17	28	36	12	17	24
	420	5	15	21	33	36	42

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA (*456)	390	74	80	–	2	5	–
	420	48	56	68	5	12	15
	460	21	31	44	19	26	30
BAT Ind (*680)	650	40	61	70	13	19	27
	700	14	32	43	40	46	51
	750	5	17	26	87	87	90
	800	2	8	16	135	135	136
BTR (*426)	390	37	48	52	7	12	17
	420	17	30	35	18	24	31
	460	5	14	20	50	52	55
Br Aero (*518)	500	34	50	59	12	20	32
	550	12	26	33	44	48	58
	600	3½	13	18	92	98	95
Br Telecm (*394)	360	45	50	59	4½	7½	9½
	390	22	30	39	11	17	20
	420	8	15	25	38	33	35
Cadbury (*402)	390	31	43	48	14	20	26
	420	17	29	33	32	35	40
	460	8	15	20	62	65	67
Guinness (*1031)	950	95	122	137	8	15	26
	1000	58	85	104	21	31	43
	1050	31	56	75	45	51	65
GEC (*190)	180	24	27	31	2	4	5
	200	10	14	19	7	10	11
	220	3	6	10	23	22	24
Hanson (*282)	200	25	27	29	1½	5½	7
	220	9½	13	17½	7½	13	16½
	240	3	5	9½	22	29	30
LASMO (*317)	300	31	42	46	6	11	15
	330	13	23	29	20	25	30
	360	5½	12	18	44	44	47
P & O (*565)	500	79	97	–	3½	7	–
	550	39	59	70	13	21	30
	600	15	33	43	40	47	55
Pilkington (*166)	140	31	33	–	2	5½	–
	160	16	20	26	7½	13	15
	180	6½	11	17	19	24	27
Prudential (*256)	240	21	30	33	4½	7½	11
	260	7½	18	22	13	16	20
	280	3½	10	13	30	30	31

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Racal Elec (*236)	200	47	55	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
	220	35	43	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
	240	23	33	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
Racal Tel (*342)	300	52	60	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
	330	28	37	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
	360	12	23	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
RTZ (*390)	350	50	70	77	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
	400	20	38	47	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	450	7	20	27	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scot New (*415)	360	64	68	–	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
	390	39	47	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
	420	19	30	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tesco (*282)	260	29	38	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
	280	15	24	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
	300	6	15½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
Thames W (*389)	350	48	55	–	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
	370	33	39	–	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
	400	11	19	–	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
Lucas (*195)	140	22	23	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
	160	7	11	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	180	2½	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Fisons (*581)	460	47	65	74	3½	9½	14
	500	19	36	49	16	25	30
	550	4	15	26	54	54	56

	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat (*394)	280	28	36	44	1	5	8
	300	18	22	30	6	11	14
	330	7½	9	16	29	31	34
Amstrad (*52)	45	8½	11	12½	1½

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1	Prop Security	Property	
2	AIM	Industrials A-D	
3	ERF	Motors,Aircraft	
4	MEPC	Property	
5	Perry Gp	Motors,Aircraft	
6	EMAP	Newspapers,Pub	
7	ERA Gp	Drapery,Stores	
8	Tex Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
9	Clayform	Property	
10	BWI	Industrials A-D	
11	Br Dredging	Building,Roads	
12	Manders	Building,Roads	
13	Stanmin	Building,Roads	
14	Kelsey Ind	Industrials E-K	
15	Pendragon	Motors,Aircraft	
16	Brixton	Property	
17	Fisher (James)	Transport	
18	ECC Group	Industrials E-K	
19	Cadbury-Schwp	Foods	
20	Wassall	Industrials S-Z	
21	Goodhead	Paper,Print,Adv	
22	Time Products	Drapery,Stores	
23	Hawker Siddly	Industrials E-K	
24	Forminster	Drapery,Stores	
25	McKechnie	Industrials L-R	
26	Mitel	Electricals	
27	WPP	Paper,Print,Adv	
28	Utd Newspapers	Newspapers,Pub	
29	Wickes	Drapery,Stores	
30	Br Polythene	Industrials A-D	
31	Fairey Group	Industrials E-K	
32	Herring Son	Property	
33	NFC	Transport	
34	TT Group	Industrials S-Z	
35	Brent Chems	Chemicals,Plas	
36	Assoc Br Ports	Transport	
37	Ultramar	Oil,Gas	
38	More O'Ferrall	Paper,Print,Adv	
39	Compass Gp	Leisure	
40	Pearson	Newspapers,Pub	
41	Close Bros	Banks,Discount	
42	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
43	Johnson Cleaners	Industrials E-K	
44	Yorkshire TV	Leisure	

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Four readers shared yesterday's Portfolio Platinum prize. Mr Andrew Ruck, of Sevenoaks, Kent, Mr Ronald Corke, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, Mrs K. Woodhouse, of Marlborough, Wiltshire, and Mr David Forsyth, of Swindon, each receive £500.

BRITISH FUNDS

1990/91 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
99⅝	96⅜	Treas 8%	99⅝		8.04	8.960
100	99⅝	Exch 11¾	1991	100	10.9	10.195
99⅛	99⅛	Treas 11¾	1991	99⅛		
99⅝	95⅝	Treas 8%	1992	99		8.051
100	97⅛	Treas 8%	1992	100		8.875
100⅛	98⅜	Treas C10½	1992	100⅛		10.404
102⅛	98⅝	Treas 12¾	1992	100⅞		9.857
101⅞	100⅛	Treas 12¾	1992	100⅞		12.5
104⅛	96⅛	Exch 13¾	1992	103⅜		13.0
94½	89⅝	Fund 9%	1993	94⅛		9.5
98⅛	93⅛	Treas 8¾	1993	98⅛		8.4
100⅛	97⅛	Treas 10%	1993	100⅝		9.555
104⅛	102⅛	Treas 12¾	1993	104½		11.9
108⅛	105⅛	Treas 13¾	1993	107⅛		12.7
97⅛	92⅛	Treas 8½	1994	96⅜		9.1
98⅛	93⅛	Treas 9%	1994	98⅜		9.1
100⅛	96⅛	Treas 10%	1994	100⅝		9.816
108⅛	103⅛	Exch 12¾	1994	106⅛		11.6
109⅛	105⅛	Exch 13¾	1994	108⅛		12.4
111⅜	102⅜	Treas 14¾	1994	110⅝		13.1
89	72⅝	Gas 3%	1990-95	88⅝		
101⅛	94⅛	Exch 10¾	1995	101⅛		10.0
106⅛	98⅛	Treas 12¾	1995	106⅛		11.2
110	105¼	Treas 12¾	1995	110⅛		11.5
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
98⅛	92⅛	Treas 9%	1992-96	98⅝		9.1
101⅛	95⅛	Conv 10%	1996	101⅝		9.8
101⅛	95⅛	Conv 10%	1996 B	101⅝		
112⅛	108	Exch 13¾	1996	112¾		9.887
113⅛	109⅛	Treas 14%	1996	113⅝		12.3
119⅛	115⅛	Treas 15¾	1996	119¼		12.3
96⅛	88⅝	Treas 8%	1997	96⅛		9.1
103⅝	97⅛	Exch 10¼	1997	103⅝		10.1
113⅛	108⅝	Treas 13¾	1997	113¾		12.0
122⅛	117	Exch 15%	1997	122⅝		12.2
80	60⅝	Treas 6¼	1998-98	80		7.8
100⅛	91⅛	Exch 9¾	1998	100⅜		9.7
111	104⅛	Exch 12%	1998	111		10.8
127⅛	121⅛	Treas 15¾	1998	127⅛		12.1
99⅜	93⅛	Treas 9%	1997	99⅜		9.5
102⅝	96⅛	Conv 10¼	1999	102⅝		9.9
104	97⅛	Treas 10¾	1998	104⅛		10.0
112⅝	104⅛	Exch 12¾	1999	112⅝		10.8
96⅛	89⅛	Conv 9%	2000	96⅝		9.3
117⅛	110⅛	Treas 13%	2000	117⅝		11.0
96⅛	88⅝	Conv 9¼	2001	96⅝		0.00
101⅛	93⅛	Treas 10%	2001	101⅝		9.9
90⅛	83⅛	Conv 8¼	2001 a	90⅛		0.00
130⅛	98⅛	Treas 10%	2001 b	98⅝		12.0
119⅛	113	Treas 14%	1998-01	119⅝		11.7
81⅛	77⅛	Exch 9%	2002	81⅛		0.00
100⅛	91⅛	Treas 9¾	2002	100⅝		9.7
87⅛	82⅛	Conv 10%	2002	87⅛		0.00
102	94	Treas 10%	2003	102		9.8
117⅛	110⅛	Treas 13¾	2000-03	117⅝		0.00
60⅛	53⅝	Fund 9%	2000-04	60⅛		9.7
98⅛	90⅛	Conv 9%	2004	98⅝		9.8
108⅛	102	Treas 11¾	2001-04	108⅝		10.4
98⅛	90⅛	Conv 9%	2005	98⅝		9.854
119⅛	110⅛	Treas 12¾	2000-05	119⅝		10.4
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
86⅛	79⅝	Treas 8%	2002-06	86⅝		9.2
91⅛	81⅛	Treas 8%	2007	91⅛		9.3
112⅛	105⅛	Treas 11¾	2003-07	113⅝		10.3
95⅛	86⅝	Treas 9%	2008	95⅝		9.4
94⅛	89⅛	Fund 9%	2008 C	94⅛		
127	117⅛	Treas 13¾	2008-12	127		10.6
96⅛	89⅛	Treas 9%	2009	96⅝		9.3
95⅛	85⅛	Conv 9%	2011	95⅛		9.4
30⅛	30⅛	Conv 9%	2011 PP	30⅛		
84⅛	58⅛	Treas 5¾%	2008-12	84⅝		8.5
84⅛	58⅛	Treas 7¾%	2012-15	83⅝		9.2
122⅛	113⅛	Exch 12%	2013-17	122⅛		9.8
UNDATED						
25⅛	23⅛	Consols	2½%	25⅝		9.8
25⅛	23⅛	Treas	2½%	25⅝		9.8
30⅛	28⅛	Treas	3%	30⅝		
60	57⅛	Conv	3½%	59⅝		
40⅛	38⅛	Consols	4%	40⅝		9.8
36⅛	33⅛	War Ln	3½%	36⅝		9.6
INDEX-LINKED						
132⅛	131⅛	Treas IL 2%	1992	132⅝		
120⅛	115⅝	Treas IL 2%	1994	120⅞		
173⅛	168⅛	Treas IL 2%	1996	173⅝		
144	137⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2001	144		
140⅛	133⅝	Treas IL 2½%	2003	140⅝		
141⅛	135	Treas IL 2½%	2006	141⅝		
130⅛	124⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2009	130⅝		
134⅛	127⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2011	134⅜		
110⅝	105⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2013	110⅝		
117⅛	112⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2016	117⅛		
113⅛	109⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2020	113⅝		
95⅛	91⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2024	94		

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
311	211	Abbey National	302	305	-2	13.1	4.3	10.6
182	126	Allied Irish	168	175				
90	23	Anglocher (Henry)	35	37		2.0	5.7	
189	121	Aus New Z	174	178	-4			
26	12½	Bankamerica	24½					
173	116	Bank of Ireland	130	137				
19½	19	Bank Lourie Expel	17½	20½				
350	340	Bank Lourie UK	330	350		21.3	6.3	4.8
126	91	Bank Of Scotland	124	127		5.4	4.3	17.0
71	35	Bank Of Wales	68½	72		3.7	5.2	
489	327	Barclays	472	475	-1	28.2	5.9	25.1
12	3½	Benchmark	3½	4				
208	196	Brown Shipley	200	225	+3	10.7	4.8	
27	12½	Canada	26½	27				
464	313	Capr Allen	368	368	+3	5.1	7.4	9.8
78	52	Cater	67	70				
44	36	Chancery	11½					
12½	9½	Chase Manhattan	9½					
18½	9½	Citicorp	9½	240		10.9	4.6	12.3
252	225	Close Bros	225					
93½	75½	Commerzbank	219½					7.0
231½	197½	Deutsche Bank	219½	222	+1			
213	98	First Mar Fin	103					
23	23	GPG	23					
326	260	Gerrard Nat	310	318	+4	27.3	8.7	10.1
238	174	HSBC	227½	227		17.1	6.0	9.8
356	264	Hambros	340	365		21.1	6.0	16.9
413	353	Jessop (Leopold)	115	118		13.7	11.7	
152	110	Kaq, & Shaskan	128	135	+2	21.3	15.6	
317	249	Kleinwort Benson	489	497	+1	29.9	5.2	16.3
405	268	Lloyds	50	53		3.7	7.1	9.8
63	44	Lon Scot Bk	58	61	+1	2.8	7.1	
263	150	Midland	326	330	-4			
332	269	Nat Aust Bk	348	352	-1	23.3	6.7	28.4
357½	247	Nat West						

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares lose ground

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began September 2. Dealings end September 13. §Contango day September 16. Settlement day September 23. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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BREWERIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
623	460	Allied Lyons	608	613	-1	25.1	4.1	23.1
10½	8½	Bass	8½	8½	-2	44.4	4.5	10.2
175	124	Boddington	150	155		8.9	5.4	15.1
256	173	Bulmer (H P)	250	252		11.1	4.4	15.0
143	105	Burtonwood Brew	105	113		5.7	5.2	15.6
245	135	Dawnay (JA)	135	203	+1	7.3	3.7	14.6
84	51	Fosters Brewing Gp	51	54	-1			
650	623	Grand Met	638	639		28.5	4.4	15.1
389	274	Greenall	378	380		13.8	3.6	14.1
498	374	Greene King	478	486	+14	14.4	3.0	15.5
10½	7½	Guinness	10½	10½		25.0	2.4	16.1
10	870½	Hanps & Hansons	10	10½		47.6	4.7	12.4
305	225	Highland Dist	292	294		8.8	3.3	22.1
268	120	Invergordon Dist	267	268		6.7	2.6	21.4
469	420	Marshall	458	465	+4	16.1	3.5	12.8
214	185	Marston Thompson	206	210	+1	8.0	3.8	14.9
326	257	Matthew Clark	257	260		9.7	3.7	14.4
335	333	Morland	325	325		8.9	2.8	16.4
11	558	SA Breweries	10½	10½				
425	305	Scot & Newc	412	415	+1	20.0	4.8	12.1
254	174	Vaux Group	233	237	+1	11.8	5.0	12.2
514	409	Whitbread A	488	488	-3	24.7	4.4	12.5
13½	13	Do B	13	13½		24.7	3.6	22.5
370	288	Wolverhampton & D	370	540	+2	12.9	2.2	16.4
470	388	Young A	458	470		17.3	3.7	17.2

BUILDING, ROADS

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
77	48	Abbey	68	78				
268	178	Amec	215	220	+1	13.7	6.3	11.2
74	17	Anglia Sec	34	38				
72	13	Arnicliffe				8.0		
260	181	Ashwoods	215	220	+1	8.0	3.6	19.0
245	163	BPB Ind	232	235		15.0	7.4	29.4
106	68	Baggeridge Brick	71	78		4.2	5.5	8.8
70	53	Bailey (Geo) Constr	57	58		1.5	3.6	3.8
128	31	Barratt Devs	37	38	+1	12.0	20.7	6.1
190	59	Bellway PLC	178	180	+3	9.0	5.0	13.8
277½	192	Bellway	240	245	+1	14.7	6.0	13.8
19	3	Bellwinch						
351	217	Blakeley Gp	342	345		6.1	1.7	
153	107	Bmt Bros	103	113		5.6	5.2	8.2
172	90	Blockleys	103	113		6.4	5.9	12.7
266	198	Blue Circle	271	274	+1	15.0	5.5	12.1
698	438	Boot (Henry)	600	610		33.1	5.5	10.9
111	69	Bovis PLC	61	96		6.5	6.7	9.7
135	93	Br Dredging	131	136	+1	9.8	7.4	10.3
211	88	Bryant	108	109		9.4	5.8	15.6
105	77	CALA	75	78		4.5	5.8	10.1
260	187	CRH	226	228				
66	33	Cakebread Robey	58	58		4.0	7.5	15.7
57	23	Cowler Grp	16	28	-1	0.4	1.7	
222	121	Costain Group	126	130	-2	16.3	12.7	
151	78	Countryside	88	95		5.5	6.0	
132	32	Crest Nicholson	32	33				14.6
110	53	Cussons	58	60		5.0	8.3	
580	265	Douglas (RM)	515	540	-5	14.0	2.7	10.2
47½	29	Edmond Hldgs	28½	40		2.5	7.3	21.7
77	49	Endn	68	73	+1	7.5	9.1	6.9
117	73	Everard Bardon	73	83				
5½	2	Foster Gp	2½	3½		0.7	6.0	11.8
104	71	Galliford	93	97				
90	68	Gibbs & Dandy Dnl	80	83		4.8	7.8	11.0
828	563	Gleeson (AJ)	810	830	-3			
110	55	Graham Wood	58	60	-4	7.3	13.3	3.2
91	49	Hanson Ind	84	85		4.3	5.1	10.7
109½	54	Hawtin Stuart	98	100		4.4	4.4	10.0
87	71	Howston	78	75		6.0	8.2	8.2
308	229	Heywood Williams	301	303	-3	16.7	5.5	12.3
369	224	Higgs & Hill	248	345		26.7	11.6	44.3
41	26	Hole Gp	28	28		4.8	17.2	8.0
21	19½	Howard Hldgs	15	19		0.5	2.9	
124	78	Ibstock Johnsen	99	101	+1	8.0	8.0	11.5
90	54	Jarvis	66	66		2.7	5.8	13.5
347	254	Laing (J)	330	332	+1	20.0	6.0	15.1
64	23	Lawrence (Walter)	45	47		6.0	15.0	34.2
61	38	Lilley	45	47		3.3	7.2	6.5
205	108	Lovell (YJ)	143	147		11.9	8.2	8.5
188	133	Manders	188	195	+5	9.9	5.1	16.7
137	87	Marley	125	131		8.5	6.5	48.4
108	82	Marshalls	93	97	+1	6.7	7.1	19.8
131	88	Maunders (J)	117	120		6.6	5.5	8.2
308	213	McAlpine (Alfred)	244	250		13.7	5.5	23.0
57	37	McCarthy & S	46	46	+1½	2.9	6.3	
494	356	Meyer Int	412	415		22.0	5.3	21.8
356	217	Mowlem (John)	233	237	-5	28.0	11.9	10.4
44	12	MSAI	16	20		0.7	3.7	
172	115	Newman Tonks	168	170	-2	12.2	7.2	11.5
274	187	Pergamon	239	253	-3		11.9	40.0
55	16	Phoenix Timber	20	24		0.7		12.7
70	54	Pochins	54	54		32.0	3.3	24.7
241	158	Powering	172	176		25.7	14.6	11.9
749	594	RMC Gp	657	670		35.0	5.2	13.2
134	93	Rene Ind	93	93	+2	7.7	8.3	
696	503	Redland	564	567	+1	33.9	5.7	11.2
61	39	Rexcel	56	59		3.1	5.3	12.8
205	125	Rugby Group	188	192		8.6	4.3	13.4
98	79	Sharpe & Fisher	87	89		5.1	5.7	
181	103	Shefford Inst	138	140		7.1	5.1	9.5
158	110	Smart (J)	128	130	+2	9.1	7.0	
23	15½	Staffin	19	20	+2	0.1	0.5	37.5
424	308	Stanley	368	368	-2	18.7	5.2	10.8
263	207	Tarmac	238	238	-2	15.0	6.4	15.0
186	136	Tay Homes	158	162		6.4	4.0	6.2
1090	725	Taylor Woodrow	198	204	-1	12.7	6.3	13.0
725	508	Tilbury Group	575	588		44.0	6.4	10.6
251	188	Travis Perkins	225	227		10.7	4.8	17.7
52	39	Try Group	44	54	+2	5.0	15.4	11.2
150	25	Turriff	45	57		3.4	7.5	
123	66	Vernon Int	115	117	-1	4.8	4.1	11.8
208	108	Ward Group	185	189	-6	9.6	5.1	4.5
208	163	Ward Hldgs	163	174		9.5	5.4	
428	366	Watts Blake	400	410		12.4	3.1	15.4
192	128	Westbury	140	143	-3	12.0	8.5	
6	2	Wiggins	3½	3½				
438	335½	Wilson Bowden	378	380	+1	11.5	2.6	19.3
211	162	Wilson (Connolly)	200	203		5.0	3.5	19.3
229	164	Wimpey G	199	203	+2	14.0	7.3	20.5
73	43	YRM	68	73		6.7	9.4	7.6

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
178	120	Allied Colloids	174	177	-1	4.7	2.7	17.8
357	301	Amersham	377	385	-2	15.7	4.1	22.5
41	28	Anglo Ind	39½	38		2.1	5.5	
235	146	BTP	233	237		11.2	4.8	14.7
95½	77½	Bayer DM50	94½					
205	129	Bogden	202	207	+1	12.7	6.2	11.4
167	121	Brent Chems	161	164	+3	9.9	6.1	12.9
186	42	Card Gp	43	46		1.9	4.2	
154	94	Carrwing (W)	143	149		9.7	6.6	13.0
203	146	Croda	184	187	+1	9.8	5.3	9.8
208	165	Ellis & Everard	205	211	+1	9.4	4.5	13.1
18	12	European Colour	12	13		0.8	6.2	10.2
174	125	Fobel	75	77	-1	8.5	11.3	9.9
293	202	Halstead (James)	251	255		11.8	4.6	10.8
208	162	Hickson	203	206	-1	10.7	5.2	12.2
95½	67½	Hoechst DM50	81½					
179	143	Imp Chem Ind	174	174	-1	13.5	7.7	16.1
603	435	Laporte	575	583	-11	23.7	4.1	12.7
351	277	Lonza	315	319		10.2	3.2	18.3
266	136	MTM	253	267		7.0	2.6	14.3
13½	12½	Morgk Pedro	12½					
377	312	Peterson Zoch	372	375				
371	308	Do A	367	373	+1	12.7	3.4	11.7
206	111	Photo	200	207		6.0	2.9	19.7
385	203	Rentokil	378	380		4.5	1.3	32.1
17	12	Sandiffe Sanaman	14½	16				
331	204	Wards Stoneys plc	318	328		20.0	6.3	11.1
280	215	Westminster Rink	250	270		21.0	7.8	13.1
492	327	Yorkshire Chem	492	500	+1	18.3	3.7	13.1
184	89	Yule Catto	180	182		6.3	3.5	13.2

DRAPERY, STORES

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
565	386	Allsom	437	444		16.4	3.7	17.4
106½	59	Arnold Day	104	106		3.1	2.9	17.4
339	230	Argos Plc	328	331		8.1	2.5	20.4
88	57	Ashley (Laura)	85	90	+9	0.0	0.0	
385	250	Austin Reed	365	380		12.7	3.4	17.0
150	125	Bestwd (James) A	148	143		7.3	5.1	11.7
195	150	Bernards	161	167		5.1	3.1	16.2
107	77	Berisc Cons Prods	105	105	-1	5.1	4.9	9.2
107	37	Blacks Leis	105	108		4.3	4.0	9.3
397	178	Body Shop	397	398		3.8	0.9	42.3
39½	13½	Brown & Jackson	13½	14		0.7	5.0	17.3
262	183	Brown (N)	253	263		7.5	2.9	17.3
94	30	Burton	47½	48		0.3	0.6	34.4
176	113	Cantors A	173	176		5.3	3.0	9.6
23	16	Casket Plc	22½	23		0.7	3.1	9.5
206	153	Church	182	185		9.3	5.0	16.6
188	99	Coats Viyella	180	185		9.3	5.1	16.4
334	154	Courts Furnishers	330	332		9.7	2.9	16.4
32	18	Dawtrest (U)	30½	32	+1	0.9	2.9	21.3
277	125	Debenhs Grp	268	270	+1	7.7	2.9	21.3
515	283	Dunhill	510	515		9.3	1.8	17.5
35	11	ERA Gp	31	34	+2			13.5
41	16	Ellys (Wimbledon)	39	39		2.1	5.2	12.4
78	42	Ellys	74	78		2.8	3.7	13.6
357	212	Fine Art Dev	350	355		7.8	2.2	23.6
95	66	Fired Earth Tiles	88	92		3.1	3.4	9.6
425	336	Formerstter	420	430	+5	15.7	3.7	15.9
78	47	Gent SR	47	50		2.7	5.5	6.1
56	32	Glasgowmps Group	50	50		4.0	8.0	10.1
174	124	Gus	164	165		10.7	6.5	24.7
94	30	Harrison	47½	48				
253	153	Harristone	234	242		4.3	1.8	15.9
29	12	Helene Plc	12½	24½		0.7		18.8
156	83	Hodge Robeson plc	153	157		7.4	4.8	20.9
17½	11	Hollas	15½	15				11.8
125	90	House Of Lerose	120	120		12.4	10.1	15.4
208	139	Jacques Vert	185	185		13.3	7.0	8.6
365	259	Knightsbr	343	370	+3	16.3	4.4	17.5
89½	48	Leslie Wise Gp	80	80				17.7
655	410	Liberty	630	650		27.1	4.2	15.2
288	212	Marks Spencer	281	282		12.4	4.4	19.5
441	294	Menzies (John)	437	445		17.5	3.9	19.5
135	113	Moss Bros	119	123		6.1	5.0	15.1
40	11½	Next	39	39	+½	0.9	2.3	
190	115	Oliver (Gl	115	115		5.5	4.8	
185	101	Parkers	163	165		3.5	2.1	16.7
247	135	Qs Hldgs	230	230		5.8	2.5	19.6
191	110	Rainers Group	178	182	-2	10.0	5.5	10.9
143	99	S & U Secs	118	120		2.7	2.3	9.9
47	27	Scottish Value	42	43		2.4	5.1	22.3
98	71	Sears	85	86	+1	7.2	8.4	19.7
478	301	Smith WH A	465	466		16.7	3.6	15.1
126	94	Stonemasons	117	120		6.7	5.4	10.0
215	141	T & S Stores	215	217		9.7	4.5	11.9
32	12	Tie Rack	26	27				
165	108	Time Products	145	150		7.7	5

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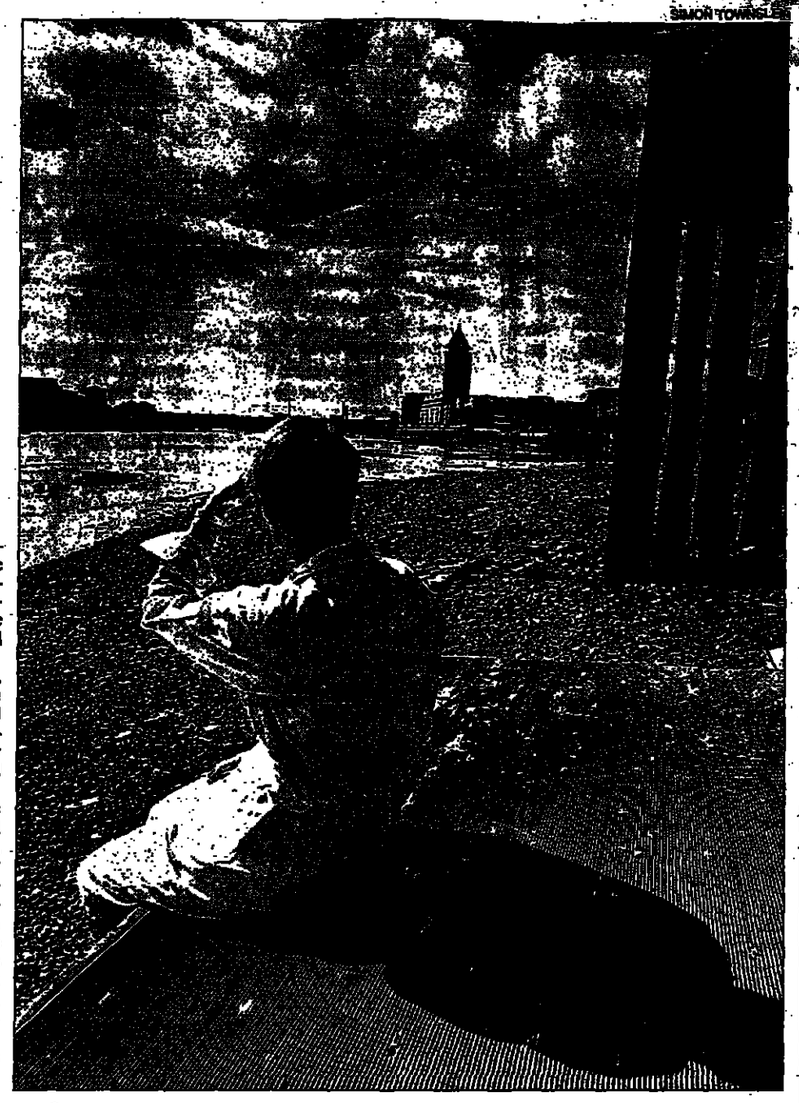
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Christopher Miller weighs the merits and demerits of accident compensation practice in Britain

Victims missed in the HIV payout


SIMON TOWNSLEY

Sad scene: this woman, HIV-infected by a transfusion, still awaits compensation

John Major's decision, soon after becoming prime minister, to authorise compensation for 1,200 haemophiliacs who had become HIV-infected after treatment with contaminated blood products was interpreted by the pundits as revealing a basic humanitarian instinct rarely shown by his predecessor.

Meanwhile, his administration's continued refusal to extend this out-of-court settlement to an estimated 400 non-haemophiliac recipients of HIV-contaminated blood is condemned as callous and arbitrary. Before joining the protest, however, should we not consider exactly what a coherent approach to cases of this sort would entail?

The outcry over the government's seemingly inconsistent response to contaminated blood victims is comparable in its intensity with that provoked nearly 30 years ago by the delays and difficulties faced by the parents of thalidomide victims in securing compensation from the drug's distributors.

Then, as now, the public debate concentrated on the relative merits of a "no-fault" scheme covering all accidents (medical, traffic and occupational), as adopted in New Zealand and elsewhere, and the time-honoured damages payment in a common law (tort) action, in which accident victims succeed in showing that their injuries stemmed from the defendant's negligence.

A thorough review of the many sources of compensation for injury – tort, private insurance, national insurance, social security – was carried out by the royal commission, chaired by Lord Pearson, which reported in 1978.

Although the commission could not be said to have endorsed the existing disparate system, its recommendations represented only piecemeal reform: tort should be retained, but social security should be recognised as the principal means of compensation, and double compensation should be avoided by offsetting social security payments in the assessment of tort damages.

A new benefit for severely handicapped children and the need to end the confusion over the legal rights of a foetus, highlighted by the thalidomide tragedy, were two of the few recommendations to be implemented.

In the years immediately after Pearson, there were few reasons why its depressing concerns should excite much public interest. Although more people may have benefited under the criminal injuries compensation scheme, the decline in mining, steel, shipbuilding and other heavy industries meant there were fewer calls on the industrial injuries scheme.

Victims in these categories, however, were far fewer than those whose injuries, and subsequent claims for monetary redress via third-party insurance, resulted from road accidents.

Yet, no matter how often we are reminded that the annual death toll on the roads, particularly among younger people, far exceeds the combined fatalities at Hillsborough, Zeebrugge, Clapham and King's Cross, only in the aftermath of such disasters does the reform of accident liability law command a prominent place in the political agenda.

Disasters are also catalysts in developing case law. The arbitration over damages awarded to survivors of the Herald of Free Enterprise tragedy established that "nervous shock" claims must be based on a recognised psychiatric condition and not simply grief, distress or other normal emotion.

The notion of nervous shock has recently been further developed by the Court of Appeal, which held that this condition was a ground for claims by a Hillsborough victim's parent or spouse provided he or she had been present in the stadium on that afternoon. More distant relatives and those who witnessed the events on television could not claim.

The Court of Appeal judges argued that the defendant, South Yorkshire police, although negligent in opening the gates, could not be liable for nervous shock caused by apprehension of the consequences of this action for loved ones known to be in the crowd if that apprehension arose from the "broadcast of selective images", not through direct experience.

Fine legal distinctions of this kind would merit the attentions of a W.S. Gilbert or an A.P. Herbert if they arose in less tragic circumstances.

If, however, the idea of certain groups being required to establish the balance of probability that their injury was the fault of some other party before redress is possible, while others automatically become beneficiaries of some state-funded scheme, seems too repugnant for satire, one must ask why successive governments have chosen not to rationalise so heterogeneous a system.

To the political scientist, this question does not seem unduly problematic. At one (the right-hand) extreme, the tort system is commensurate with the "minimal state" favoured by philosophers such as Nozick, where the state provides no more than the apparatus (the courts) by which interpersonal disputes can be resolved.

The other (the left) extreme is occupied by some hypothetical social security provision, far more comprehensive than anything imagined by Beveridge, guaranteeing continued income support after any degree of incapacity or disability through illness or accident, irrespective of proof of cause, fault or contributory negligence.

In the middle ground one finds such hybrids as the present system, whereby third-party cover through private insurance companies for all motorists is a statutory obligation. Thus any shift in the centre of gravity of the system inevitably entails a greater or lesser role for the state, if not as the provider then as the regulator of private provision.

Life may no longer be nasty, brutish and short for most of the population of Britain, but we all, no matter how unexceptional our lifestyles and cautious our behaviour, remain prey to hazards that can cause untimely death, chronic illness, and physical and mental disability. Increasing understanding of the genetic origins of many disorders has yet to be matched by an ability to control them.

Air travel has led to unprecedented population mixing and exposure to strains of micro-organisms against which our European immune system is defenceless. As more research is concentrated on the environment, the more it is revealed as the source of a hitherto unsuspected range of vectors of disease.

If the grim reaper can assume so many disguises, why, the collectivist asks, should the ability to point an accusing finger at a negligent individual be so crucial? Is the widow of the golfer struck by lightning no less deserving of income support?

Quite so, the individualist replies. The golfer, knowing the numerous occupational, environmental and other risks he faces and mindful of his responsibilities to his dependants, should therefore devote an appropriate fraction of his disposable income to life insurance.

The collectivist retorts that the state must intervene, given that distribution of income precludes this option for a significant proportion of the population, and given that private insurance will penalise what are seen to be high-risk groups, a term covering not only young motorists and motorcyclists but also those groups, such as haemophiliacs, whose life expectancy is circumscribed by genetics.

What begins as a debate on the right form of redress for victims of medical accidents soon becomes submerged in wider questions on the morality of inequality and on the limits of state intervention.

Radical reform, in either direction, is therefore unlikely while the political parties contest the middle ground and vie with one another in shedding ideological impedimenta seen as electorally unattractive.

In the longer term, we can expect to see a drive for harmonisation in accident prevention from a more powerful European Community. Reconciling the arcane mysteries of tort with the Roman law tradition of most of our partners will present a formidable challenge to those drafting the legislation. How many of the 400 or so non-sexual HIV victims will be left to benefit from it?

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Beaten wives have no licence to kill

THE drunken husband has at last tired of kicking and abusing his long-suffering wife and has collapsed in an alcoholic stupor. His wife has picked herself up from the floor and is trying to wash the blood off her face. Fresh swellings cover last week's bruises. She suddenly decides she can take no more, finds a carving knife and stabs her husband to death in his sleep.

In human terms the wife is an object of sympathy and yet as the law stands she is probably guilty of murder and liable to be sentenced to life imprisonment. It is small wonder that such cases as that of Sarah Thornton have led to calls for the law to be changed so that the definition of provocation as a defence to murder is widened.

There is a real danger, however, that if this happens it will lead to more aggrieved women taking the law into their own hands, declaring open season on loutish lovers and butchering them wholesale. Under the present definitions, provocation reduces murder to manslaughter. This is unique to murder as provocation is relevant only as a mitigating circumstance in other crimes and has no bearing on the issue of guilt. The definition is narrow. Lord Goddard, in *R v Duffy*, said it was an act or words "... which would cause in any reasonable person and actually causes in the accused, a sudden and temporary loss of self-control, rendering the accused so subject to passion as to make him for the moment not master of his mind". The two main problems with this definition are that the provocation has to be sufficient to provoke a reasonable person and that it has to cause a sudden and temporary loss of self-control. If the defendant has been unreasonable or if there has been a cooling-off period between the provocation and the retaliation, the defence will fail.

In cases such as Sarah Thornton's the issue is that of the length of the cooling-off period. Some have argued that, in an appropriate case involving a suitably brutal husband, this period can be extended almost indefinitely. This approach is entirely wrong because it implies that such people can justifiably be killed for their behaviour.

Let us be realistic about the penalties involved. A woman who kills her brutal husband and is convicted of murder will receive a sentence of life imprisonment. She is highly unlikely to serve more than seven years and could well be released from prison after four or five years.

Now provocation only reduces murder to manslaughter and the maximum sentence for manslaughter is life imprisonment. There is no point in campaigning to extend the definition of provocation if the defendant will end up serving much the same length of time inside. There would be a point only if the defendant were to get a non-custodial sentence.

As anyone who has any dealings with the criminal courts will tell you, defendants regard anything other than an immediate custodial sentence as getting off. The public also regard it as getting off, and what the provocation campaigners really want is a licence for women to kill violent husbands and get off.

I hold no brief for violent husbands but I do think that if they are to be done away with it should be by Parliament and by the judiciary and not by their womenfolk. Repellent their behaviour may be, justified the courts may be in evicting them from their homes and jailing them, but their behaviour still does not justify society in executing them. If society is not justified in executing them, then neither are their wives. Our society is founded on the Judaeo-Christian principle that killing people is wrong. If the definition of provocation is extended it will prove a practical impossibility to limit it to domestic cases. The categories of non-capital penalty killings will grow as hard cases produce bad law fuelled by public opinion happy to see unpopular and provocative people getting what are believed to be their just deserts. It may be morality promulgated by Hollywood but there is no room for Rambo in the English legal system. There is, however, room for a sensible amendment to the present law to abolish the present mandatory sentence of life imprisonment for murder. The mandatory sentence was originally imposed as a sop to public opinion in the hope that a public deeply supportive of the death penalty would be appeased if they thought murderers would be locked up for the rest of their lives.



BRIEF

PATRICK STEVENS

As it is, the Home Secretary decides when murderers should be released. One would have to be remarkably naive to believe the Home Secretary's judgment in such matters to be superior to that of the trial judge.

The judges are perfectly capable of imposing the appropriate sentence in every individual case of murder. They are willing to do it and it is to the government's shame that it has whipped its majority in Parliament to stop this sensible reform.

The provocation reformers would be better occupied in tackling the Government on this issue than trying to exterminate horrible husbands.

● *The author is a practising solicitor*

INS AND OUTS

Gorbachev is booked

CLIFFORD Chance is off to Moscow, at last. The firm intends to open the office in October to coincide with a conference on Soviet law, sponsored by University College London, the Union of Soviet Jurists and other bodies. The Europe-USSR Law & Cooperation Forum will bring together lawyers and academics to discuss economic change within a fast-evolving legal framework. Mikhail Gorbachev and Jacques Delors are the main speakers. However, whether Mr Gorbachev will still be president is a moot point, as is the question whether Soviet law will be relevant, now that the republics are establishing their own legal systems.

Children power

THE idea of a children's ombudsman is nothing new but a Gulbenkian Foundation report written by Martin Rosenbaum and Peter Newell contains more detailed proposals than anything else put forward in more than 20 years. They say an ombudsman should be there principally to promote children's rights through influencing policy, conducting information and research and dealing with children's complaints. They propose, however, that the ombudsman's policy recommendations should not have the force of law. Bodies receiving the recommendations should be legally required to consider them properly but the authors argue that although legal enforcibility would give the recommendations teeth, it would also be likely to provoke litigation and delaying tactics from bodies loath to comply. The ombudsman's office should not try to deal with individual complaints but should be able to help with exceptional cases and should employ at least one childcare solicitor. The office would also liaise with similar international organisations and make grants to self-advocacy organisations for children and young people.

Marriage split

A HEARING in Delhi, which centres on the legality of a ten-year-old Indian girl's marriage to an elderly Saudi Arabian, is causing a political storm. A steward who saw the girl sobbing on an aircraft called the police. Although India has outlawed child marriages, many poor Indian families are said to sell their children to wealthy Middle Eastern men. The Saudi man's lawyer says the marriage is lawful under Islamic law, and a 1937 British law, which granted Indian Muslims a separate legal code. The case highlights one of India's acute problems: what to do about the parallel legal system that operates for its 120 million Muslims.

Jobs in the east

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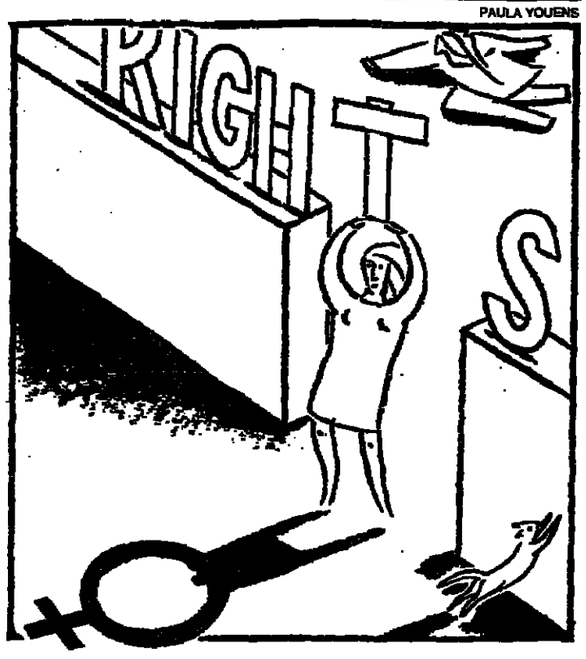
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Britain refuses legal status to transsexuals, a lawyer claims. **Liz Hodgkinson** reports

The minority without real rights

PAULA YOUENS



Forty years ago, the first successful sex-change operation was performed. Tens of thousands of men and women have since undergone surgical alteration to be able to live as cosmetically acceptable members of their chosen gender.

But though transsexuals are no longer such a peculiar minority, their position in law – in this country at least – remains highly anomalous. They cannot marry, they have no employment protection and no legal status whatever in their chosen gender.

The inability of British transsexuals to marry in their new gender was upheld at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg earlier this year, to the dismay of Caroline Cossey, the sex change model who brought the case, and her fellow transsexuals.

Today the subject, "Should sex changes be recognised in law as well as fact?" will be discussed at the Liberal Democrat conference in Bournemouth. The meeting, chaired by Alex Carlile, the Liberal Democrat MP for Montgomery, has been organised by Mark Rees, a female-to-male transsexual who has campaigned for law changes for 17 years.

Stephen Whittle, one of the speakers, is an academic lawyer researching at the unit for law and popular culture at Manchester polytechnic. He says: "For most transsexuals, the overwhelming concern is jobs. As the law stands, they can be dismissed if their past is discovered – and they may have no legal redress, no recourse to an industrial tribunal or right to redundancy payments. Employers have an absolute right to dismiss such an employee on the ground that others might not like the situation. Any transsexual has to retire as a member of the original and not the present gender.

"At present, a transsexual's new status is recognised for certain purposes. A driving licence and passport for instance can be issued in the new gender. But these are all simply concessions made by the government and are not legally binding. They could be removed at any time."

The question of marriage is one that concerns many transsexuals. Until the April Ashley (Corbett v Corbett) case in 1971, transsexuals could have their birth certificate amended and marry legally in the new sex. Since Ashley's marriage was declared null and void, they can do neither.

Mr Whittle says: "Post-operative transsexuals do 'marry', but if for any reason one partner takes the matter to court, they will find it is not legal. If, for instance, a couple where one is transsexual would like to adopt children they will discover that their marriage is illegal and they are not allowed to adopt. It is also almost impossible to get custody of any children born before the operation. Where one partner is transsexual, a will can be challenged on the grounds of status."

There are other horrors as well. If transsexuals commit a crime, they can be sent to the prison of their original gender, put in solitary confinement and refused hormone treatment. A male-to-female transsexual cannot, in the eyes of the law, be raped, because she is still considered male.

Mr Whittle believes there is a simple solution. "In Germany," he says, "since 1983, anybody going through the procedure can apply to the courts to be recognised in the new role, and go through a small committee. Each case is assessed on its merits. The outcome is that total legal status may be granted in the new role, which will be permanent. If a transsexual then decides to marry, that marriage is fully legal, as it is now in most other European countries."

Why is Britain holding out? Mr Whittle believes the reasons lie in the Ashley case. "Judges here talk in terms of precedent, and every other transsexual since has had to endure the consequences

The argument has also been put forward that transsexuals may be fraudulently passing themselves off as something they are not. Mr Whittle comments: "For my research, I have contacted hundreds of transsexuals to see how many have ever been in trouble with the law, tried to marry as a 'real' member of the new gender or committed violent crimes. Almost none has. Most do their utmost to blend quietly with society. A bill needs to be drafted. It would affect the lives of nobody except transsexuals and for the first time, give them rights."

● *The writer is the author of* Bodyshock: The Truth About the Sex Change *to be published by Virgin on September 19 at £10*

How you measure the merits of your lawyer

Lay people find performance hard to assess. Two new publications offer suggestions



Value for money: Roger Parry

Goods are consumed, services are experienced, commented Dr David Maister a few years ago in *The American Lawyer* magazine. The theme has been taken up and developed by Roger Parry, a British author, in *People Businesses*, his newly published book on professional firms.

One of his key points is that the real quality of professional skill is seldom evident to the client. Because lawyers' expertise, for instance, is complex, there are genuine problems in communicating or promoting it. As a result, clients can easily make ill-informed judgments about the quality of advice they receive.

Clients may not understand a complex transaction, but they do know whether their telephone calls are returned promptly. The result, Mr Parry says, is that "firms . . . invent criteria of performance which are tangible and which give clients a sense of quality service and performance . . . these devices might not actually improve the core professional service but they will help a client's belief in it."

So is there any way in which the quality of skills can be authentically assessed? This is important at a time when the British Standards Institution kitemark is starting to float over the profession.

Hodgart Temporal, the consultancy, in its forthcoming bulletin, *Thinking Quality Service*, is sceptical of its value for law firms. Hodgart Temporal says: "The BSI contend that achieving a competitive edge is not the soundest reason for applying for registration under BS5750. If that is correct, and given the cost of achieving BS5750, most firms will be better off spending their resources on things that will make them more competitive . . . if BS5750 does not [contribute directly to a firm's competitiveness] then it should have a low priority in spending resources."

The confusion over quality is whether it implies the best service or, by contrast, the minimum that one is entitled to expect from a competent provider. Hodgart Temporal says that for large commercial firms "imposing a systems approach, such as BS5750, has an automatic demotivating impact and, in addition, it does not provide a context, a purpose or a meaning".

The consultancy says: "Hence, fairly quickly people come to see all of the imposed systems as ends in themselves, meaningless tasks imposed by 'them up there'."

Alan Hodgart, a consultant with the company, concedes, however, that for many high street firms that do legal aid work there is a case for being able to show that systems have been established to ensure that letters will be properly filed and that staff are adequately trained. BS5750 will not be so much a "competitive advantage" as a mark of reliability.

The client, however, still does not know how to judge quality at the top end of the market. A small number of regular buyers, such as bankers and chartered surveyors, have the knowledge and experience to make an informed choice but most clients have to make a leap of confidence that most large law firms will be technically competent.

Decisions about quality will, therefore, be made on the basis of other criteria, among which, Mr Parry says, value for money is going to be increasingly important.

Mr Parry says: "When clients cannot discriminate between law firms on technical quality they will look at other factors. In the United States there is growing interest in audits, where legally qualified accountants go into a law firm and analyse costs. Although no two jobs are identical it is possible over a period of time and a number of examples to see the relative speed and efficiency of a firm and to make a judgment based on that."

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Curious result of using 'term of years'

E W P Ltd v Moore

Before Lord Justice Bingham, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Nolan

[Judgment August 9]

The meaning of the words "term of years" had given rise to difficulties and the curious result followed from the use of those words in section 1 of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 that a tenancy of agricultural land for a fixed term of 23 months was not protected by the Act, although tenancies of two years or more and tenancies from year to year, including lettings for an interest less than a tenancy from year to year and even licences, received protection.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Julian Moore against a decision of Judge Michael Evans, QC on August 9, 1990, at Haverfordwest County Court, requiring him to give up the possession of Scollock Bill farm, Ambleston, Haverfordwest.

Mr Terence Cullen, QC and Miss Fernanda Pirie for the defendant; Mr Jonathan Gaunt, QC and Mr Timothy W. E. Evans for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE NOLAN said that the defendant claimed that his tenancy of the farm for a fixed term of 23 months was a business tenancy protected by Part 2 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, as it was neither a tenancy from year to year nor for a term of years and was therefore outside the terms of the Agricultural Holdings Act. He claimed that he was entitled to remain in possession until it was determined by notice under the 1954 Act.

The plaintiff's case was that the tenancy was not protected by the 1954 Act as it was an agricultural tenancy excluded by section 43(1)(a) of that Act.

An agricultural holding was defined by section 1(1) of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 as "land comprised in a contract of tenancy which is a contract for an agricultural tenancy". The crucial phrase for the present appeal was "contract of tenancy". That was defined by section 1(5) as "a letting of land, or agreement for letting land, for a term of years or from year to year".

It was common ground that the tenancy here was not a tenancy from year to year. But was it a tenancy for a term of years?

The plaintiff and the judge said it was. The defendant said it was not. If the defendant was right it was not an agricultural tenancy and was protected by the 1954 Act.

Their Lordships had been referred to venerable authority for the proposition that "term of years" meant two or more years: see *The Bishop of Bath's Case* ((1605) 6 Co Rep 35) and *Bacon's Abridgement* ((1740) Vol 3).

In the Court of Appeal, in *Land Settlement Association v Carr* ([1944] 1 KB 657, 662) Lord Justice Scott had said: "In *The Bishop of Bath's Case* it was made clear that no time shorter than two years could constitute a term of years".

If the plaintiff and the judge were right the curious result followed that the tenancy was not protected at all. The 1986 Act protected tenancies for a term of two years or more under section 3.

It also protected tenancies from year to year, a phrase which was extended by section 2(2) to cover, as a general rule, lettings for an interest less than a tenancy from year to year and even licences. Tenancies for a period of between one and two years remained wholly unprotected.

In *Gladstone v Bower* ([1960] 1 QB 170, 179) Mr Justice Diplock, after rejecting the argument that an 18-month tenancy was for a lesser interest than a tenancy from year to year and referring to the comments of counsel who had contended that such a result was contrary to the plain scheme of the Act, namely that all occupiers of agricultural land, save those expressly excluded, should be entitled to remain in possession until their occupation was determined by notice to quit, said: "If it were permissible to speculate . . . as to the intentions of Parliament, I should be tempted to guess that Parliament simply overlooked the case of a lease for a fixed term of between one and two years . . .".

He had held that the tenancy for 18 months was "a tenancy of an agricultural holding . . . being a holding of agricultural land comprised in the contract of tenancy for a term of years . . . and thus excluded from the operation of Part 2 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954."

His decision was upheld by the Court of Appeal ([1960] 2 QB 384, 395-396) where Lord Justice Devlin, agreeing with Mr Justice Diplock's interpretation of the Agricultural Holdings Act, had said: ". . . this is simply a *casus omissus* and . . . the Act is defective".

The law remained the same today under the 1986 Act save for a further amendment which now appeared as section 36(2)(b).

It was contended for the plaintiff that in the context of the 1986 Act there was no difficulty about construing the phrase "term of years". It included any term in excess of a year. If that were not so there could be no purpose whatever in limiting the operation of section 3 to tenancies for two years or more.

Moreover, section 36(2)(b) was quite explicit. It dealt with a "holding" and therefore with a contract of tenancy, for a fixed term of more than one but less than two years.

It had been submitted for the plaintiff that the only authority confining the common law use of the phrase "term of years" to two years or more was *The Bishop of Bath's Case* and reference had been made to the full report from which it was clear that the crucial words were *obiter* and unconnected with the subject matter of the decision which related solely to the commencement date of a lease.

His Lordship considered that the relevant passages in the *Land Settlement Association* case were also *obiter*.

The court had been informed that since the decision in *Gladstone v Bower* there had been at least 11 measures passed in which a decision to amend the law could have been taken. It was accepted that there were difficult aspects both to the decision in *Gladstone v Bower* and to the law with which it dealt but it could not be accepted that those who framed the 1986 Act remained in ignorance of it and failed to take it into account.

The re-enactment of what was now section 3 and the enactment of section 36(2)(b) must, in his Lordship's judgment, be taken to have established its acceptance as part of our law. He would therefore dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Bingham and Lord Justice Staughton agreed.

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Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce v Bhattessa

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Unreasonable treatment of convicted murderer

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Cox

Before Mr Justice Popplewell

[Judgment September 3]

The Secretary of State for the Home Department acted unreasonably in finding that the behaviour of the applicant convicted murderer in a pre-release hostel and offences of dishonesty he committed while on licence were sufficient to cancel his provisional release date from prison.

Mr Justice Popplewell so held in the Queen's Bench Division in granting *certiorari* in an application for judicial review brought by John Cox against the decision of the secretary of state on January 17, 1991 to cancel the applicant's provisional release date and return him to a closed prison.

Mr Timothy Owen for the applicant; Mr David Pannick for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL said that on April 29, 1971 the applicant, aged 17, was convicted of murder. He was released on life licence on March 25, 1983.

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His life licence was revoked by the secretary of state and the parole board confirmed that decision and did not recommend his immediate release.

The criminal charges arising out of the events of July 1989 were dismissed and the secretary of state referred the case back to the parole board who recommended that the applicant be released subject to a satisfactory release plan, that his licence should contain special conditions prohibiting him from contacting either his ex-girlfriend, with whom he had earlier had a dispute, or his neighbour and requiring him to reside where directed by his supervising officer.

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On September 15 he was arrested driving a car with a fraudulent tax disc and in possession of a small quantity of cannabis.

He pleaded guilty to those offences and was transferred to prison pending a review of his suitability. The secretary of state decided to cancel his provisional release date.

In his Lordship's judgment, the conclusion of the secretary of state that there was a risk of danger to the public requiring the applicant to be in a closed prison for two to three years was highly questionable. It was a perverse conclusion and *Wednesbury* unreasonable ([1948] 1 KB 223).

Solicitors: Powell Spencer & Partners, Kilburn; Treasury Solicitor.

Committee entitled to closed session

Regina v Kensington and Chelsea London Borough Council, Ex parte Stoop

A planning committee meeting at which both the developer and objectors were present was entitled to go into closed session under section 100A(4) of and paragraph 12 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as inserted by section 1 of and Schedule 1 to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, to hear the advice of a legal officer on the likelihood of a successful appeal by the developer and costs being awarded against the council if planning permission was refused.

Mr Justice Otton so held in the Queen's Bench Division on July 23 when dismissing an application by Nicholas John Stoop for an order of *certiorari* to quash a decision of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea to grant planning permission for a development at the Chelsea College site.

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Little start, big future

Derek Morgan reports on an agency that matches graduates to small-company jobs and the wider work experience they offer

Some small companies find it hard to attract the attention of the best graduates, but help is at hand. Graduate Employment Matching Service has been set up specifically to build bridges between small firms and students in higher education. A company notifies the service of a vacancy, and suitable graduates on file are then matched to it, according to the type of work offered, the degree required, career sought, and job location.

Companies pay an annual fee of £100 and in return the service matches as many vacancies as the company has. The service, based at Loughborough university of technology, has a register of 400 companies and a database of 600 graduates. Last year it forwarded 1,750 names to small companies.

Chris McEvoy, who runs the service, says that though the recession has affected recruitment, smaller companies appreciate the potential offered by graduates. "Young companies going into Europe need more professional expertise to make their operations cost-effective," he says. "Companies wanting to export realise they need staff with foreign language skills."

Small firms can be intimidated by the prospect of employing a graduate, and one way of giving the company and potential recruit the chance to have a look at one another before making a full commitment, is a programme called graduate gateway. This provides a training placement of up to six months with a company working on a specific project. Unemployed graduates receive the employment training allowance in addition to their state benefits.

Loughborough is one of several centres which runs gateway programmes. David Cooper, the programme coordinator, advises graduates interested in working for a small company. A social sciences graduate, he previously worked as a quality assurance manager with Bonnington Plastics, which supplies tubes to the engineering industry and hoses to garden centres. "I was the only graduate there," he says. "In a small company you have to be able to do other people's jobs. I was also involved in production and sales."

'Not all large organisations are like Megacorp plc'

After leaving a polytechnic, Mr Cooper says he was not really interested in joining a large firm. "I wanted to find out what I was good at, to get experience of a wide range of functions, and you can do that only in a smaller company. Moving as a trainee from department to department in a large organisation does not give you this experience," he says.

Mr Cooper says graduate gateway is a good way into employment. "Gateway projects are interesting and well-supported by university staff, who monitor training on-site and provide graduates with technical back-up from campus," he says.

On a Loughborough-run programme earlier this year, all seven graduates on placement received offers of permanent jobs.

Small companies do not usually take exhibition stands at graduate recruitment fairs, but this year Nottingham polytechnic and a student industrial society hosted a special recruitment fair featuring smaller firms. Twenty companies participated, including computing, accountancy, construction and engineering, and student response was good enough for many employers to say they wished it could be an annual event.

Companies at the fair included the semi-autonomous divisions of big organisations, such as Ruston Gas Turbines of Lincoln, which is part of GEC-Alsthom, and the scientific equipment division of the Fisons Group, in Loughborough.

Alan Picton, Nottingham polytechnic's careers adviser, says: "Quite a number of final-year students say they do not want to work for a big corporation." He tells students that "not all large organisations are like Megacorp plc – some are a collection of smaller businesses".

He points out that a household name does look good on your curriculum vitae, and that it may be difficult for student job-seekers to spot a winner among small companies. However, he acknowledges that some large businesses tend to be impenetrable, and recruitment fairs for the small to medium companies can only help.

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● *Further information: Graduate employment matching service, enterprise centre, business school, university of technology, Loughborough LE11 2TU. Shell technology enterprise programme (STEP), Shell enterprise unit, Shell UK Ltd, Shell-Mex House, Strand, London WC2R 0DX. For details of graduate gateway enquire at your local training and enterprise council.*

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Miss Edwards obtained a higher national diploma in business and finance at Newcastle polytechnic in 1989, had a 12-month working holiday in Australia and on her return joined the graduate gateway programme at Loughborough university.

Her training placement at B & H started last December with a market research project into the commercial viability of a new product. "I enjoyed the work, got along with the people and I was offered a job in April," she says.

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Cheveux Mitchell to reward Channon

MICK Channon, whose adventurous policy this season has reaped its just rewards, can pick up another good prize at Lingfield today with **Cheveux Mitchell** in the £7,000 Seeboard Handicap.

The Lambourn trainer hit the jackpot when Affair Of State captured the Ir£245,000 Tattersalls Breeders Stakes at the Curragh last month while his 19 domestic victories have been highlighted by the success of You Know The Rules in a £75,000 handicap at Sandown in July.

Cheveux Mitchell, for his part, has run 11 times this term and contributed three of those wins, two of them at Lingfield. The first of those came over today's distance in early June when he made all to beat Bournville by a neck in a valuable sponsored handicap.

Although Bournville was unlucky in running that day and now enjoys a small pull in the weights, she is a difficult horse to win with and is likely to need the run after a three-month break.

Cheveux Mitchell was outclassed on his latest start in a listed race at York but before that had run his usual game race when fourth under ten stone in an 18-runner Salisbury handicap, beaten two heads and neck in a multiple photo finish. Back on his

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favourite course, he should prove hard to peg back.

My other principal fancy at the Surrey course is **Prompting**, who can gain an overdue first success for the Queen in the Nutfield Maiden Guaranteed Sweepstakes.

The Primo Dominie filly ran particularly well when a close fourth to Arabellajill in a Sandown nursery last time with three previous winners, including the useful Louisa Scarlett, immediately behind. Another consistent type fancied to gain a first victory is **Green's Colourist** in the Spitfire Maiden Stakes. Paul Cole's colt was the only one to keep tabs on the potentially top-class King's Loch at Nottingham last week and paid the price by losing second place close home. The switch back from a mile to seven furlongs looks ideal.

For the nap, though, I go north to Carlisle where **Indian Slave** has his best chance for some time in the Barnacle Handicap. Rae Guest's colt has been running well up to a point over 10 and 12 furlongs but has shaped as if he would be suited by reverting to today's distance of a mile and looks well treated on his best form.

Parfait Amour and **Hadaad**, separated by a short head when third and fourth respectively to Great Palm in the Convivial Stakes at York last month, reoppose in the Brent Maiden Stakes with Hadaad taken to come out the better this time as he probably needed the York race more than his rival after a two-month break.

Bruce Raymond, who rides Hadaad, can complete a quick double on the treble-seeking **Farroots** for Colin Tinkler in the Snow Goose Auction Stakes.

At Leicester, **Mai Pen Rai**, who made Horizon pull out all the stops at Haydock on Friday, can go one better in the Stag Handicap.



Guest: Carlisle chance for Indian Slave

Dettori gets classic chance on Corrupt

By MICHAEL SEELY

LANFRANCO Dettori will be seeking his first classic victory on Corrupt in the Coalite St Leger at Doncaster on Saturday provided that Pat Eddery, as now seems certain, is required to partner Toulon for Khaled Abdulla.

"My understanding is that Toulon will run," said Neville Callaghan yesterday. "I am very happy to have Lanfranco riding the horse. He knows him well. In fact he won on him first time out as a two-year-old. The only proviso is that Pat will still take over if he becomes available."

The bookmakers have been fielding against Toulon in the belief that the recent impressive conqueror of Topanoora is to be kept in reserve for the Arc. But yesterday Andre Fabre firmly denied the persistent rumours that the colt would be an absentee. "As far as I am concerned, the horse will run unless anything goes wrong with him. I don't think he will mind the firm ground."

Toulon and Corrupt started joint favourites for the Derby. Both horses disappointed, Corrupt finishing sixth and his market rival ninth. However, Fabre added: "Probably Toulon wasn't suited by the Epsom track."

The bookmakers remain unconvinced about Fabre's reasoning. Although Ladbrokes make Corrupt and Toulon joint favourites at 7-2, Corals and Hills have the Newmarket challenger as their clear first choice at 3-1 and 100-30 respectively.

The only other horses seriously backed yesterday were Fly Away Soon and Libk. Fly Away Soon, Paul Cole's Goodwood winner, already supported over the weekend, has hardened further with Corals from 8-1 to 7-1. Ladbrokes reported that Libk, a comfortable winner of Haydock's Old Newton Cup before finishing a close fourth to Jahafil at Goodwood, has been backed from 40-1 to 25-1.

Further excitement was added to Brent Walker day at Ascot on September 28 when it was announced that Forty Niner Days, one of the best milers on grass in California, would be arriving at Ascot three days before the festival to take on Second Set, Knoyonga and Shadayid in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes.

A one-time rogue, Forty Niner Days has undergone a remarkable transformation since being gelded in February, having now won three graded races in his last five starts. His best performance was to run Exbourne to a neck in the Caesar's International at Atlantic City.

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8	(7)	0	SCHILLACH 73 (B) (Miss G Fairhurst) J Bethell 9-0	T Williams		—
9	(15)	03	USHAK 17 (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 9-0	S Dawson		87
10	(10)	6-325	WATCH IT MATEY 15 (Lord Hartington) D Morley 9-0	W R Swinburn		81
11	(1)	0005	ABSENT RELATIVE 11 (Mrs J Froome) Miss B Sanders 8-9	W Newnes		83
12	(6)	006433	ANGEL LOVE 19 (E) (Y Nasib) P Kelleway 8-9	Paul Eddery		95
13	(2)	000000	CAROLE'S GUEST 7 (B) (Mrs C Lewis) C Holmes 8-8	N Carlisle		—
14	(9)	5	ISLAND DESERT 74 (Lord Weinstock) Lord Huntingdon 8-9	J Reid		—
15	(4)		LEGAL LEGACY (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-9	T McLaughlin (7)		—
16	(11)	0-00550	NORWICK STAR 35 (E) (K Ivory) K Ivory 8-9	N Adams		59

BETTING: 8-4 Arabian Bold, 5-1 Ushak, 13-2 Angel Love, 10-1 Absent Relative, 14-1 Bee Beat, 16-1 others.
1990: HAREFOOT 8-9 B Rouse (9-4) W Hern 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARABIAN BOLD 5l 2nd to The Feltmaker at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm), with HASTY SPARK (same terms) a well-beaten 9th. BEE BEAT ½l 2nd to Duke Of Monmouth in a handicap at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good) on penultimate start.
MALENOIR has been disappointing since when ½l 2nd to Whitechapel, over course and distance, in June.
USHAK 6¾l 3rd to Cadency in a graduation race at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good to firm). WATCH IT MATEY 3½l 2nd to Grove Serendipity, over course and distance, on penultimate start, with ANGEL LOVE (same terms) 2½l 3rd. ABSENT RELATIVE 10l 5th to Mohican Girl in a graduation race at Sandown (1m 3f 91yd, good to firm). ISLAND DESERT poor 5th to The Glasha, here (1m 1f, heavy).
Selection: ARABIAN BOLD

2.30 IAN McCALL HANDICAP (Turf: £4,175: 6f) (14 runners)

1	(2)	146165	PARIOS 11 (B,D,F,G) (N Azar) J Payne 3-9-10	W Hood		87
2	(9)	0-4521	NASHAAT 21 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 3-9-9	W Carson		94
3	(5)	050060	ARTURIAN 10 (B,D,G) (G Stewart) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-7	J Reid	●	99
4	(8)	180314	SACQUE 28 (D,F,G) (Sir William McAlpine) D Morley 3-9-4	N Day		90
5	(3)	1-04032	IKTESHAF 20 (D,F) (M Saiem) B Hanbury 3-9-0	W R Swinburn		87
6	(14)	642034	FAY'S SONG 11 (F) (S Harper) R Akehurst 3-8-13	R Cochrane		89
7	(4)	020000	TAUBER 17 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs C Read) Pat Mitchell 7-8-10	S O'Gorman (3)		97
8	(6)	060032	GROWN AT ROWAN 12 (F) (Mrs L Burrage) M Madgwick 4-8-5	C Avery (7)		92
9	(13)	50-1000	RUNNING GLIMPSE 85 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Sheen) Miss B Sanders 3-8-4	W Newnes		86
10	(7)	5-00660	SHIKARI'S SON 5 (F) (A Spargo) J White 4-8-4	F Norton (5)		89
11	(1)	016506	DARAKAH 7 (CD,F,G) C Hill 4-8-2	A Tucker (5)		93
12	(12)	211013	ZEBOIM 40 (B,CD,F,G) (D Muir) W Muir 5-8-2	Kim McDonnell (7)		88
13	(10)	511200	SULLY'S CHOICE 15 (B,D,F,G,S) (W Nelson) D Chapman 10-7-8	B Doyle (5)		94
14	(11)	003450	CEE-EN-CEE 22 (V,CD,F,G) (A Martin) M McCourt 7-7-7	N Adams		90

Long handicap: Cee-En-Cee 7-5.
BETTING: 5-1 Nashaat, 11-2 Iktesheaf, 7-1 Arturian, 10-1 Fay's Song, Zeboim, 12-1 Sacque, 14-1 others.
1990: TAUBER 6-8-10 S O'Gorman (100-30 fav) Pat Mitchell 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

NASHAAT made all to beat Long Knaves 7l in a maiden at Folkestone (6f, firm). SACQUE beat Sweetings Pearl ½l at Ripon (6f, firm) on penultimate start. IKTESHAF 3l 2nd to Easy Line at Yarmouth (6f, firm), with SULLY'S CHOICE (3lb better off) 11l 8th. FAY'S SONG 3l 4th to Doubtless in a claimer at Sandown (5f, good to firm), with PARIOS (5lb better off) 4l 5th. GROWN AT ROWAN just caught when short head 2nd to Nazare Blue (rec 21lb), over course and distance (good to firm). DARAKAH 3½l 6th to Precentor at Pontefract (6f, firm). ZEBOIM two necks 3rd to Cronk's Quality at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm). Previously, beat Annebelle Royale a comfortable 11½l at same course (6f, good).
Selection: ZEBOIM

3.00 SEEBOARD HANDICAP (Turf: £5,617: 7f 140yd) (13 runners)

1	(4)	11-0500	RASAN 19 (CD,F) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 4-9-10	W Carson		92
2	(10)	1221-08	JAWAB 15 (C,BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 4-9-9	M Roberts		91
3	(3)	1-60000	GOLDEN BIRCH 25 (D,G) (T Mountain) W Wightman 3-9-5	J Williams		93
4	(11)	211052	CAROLES EXPRESS 15 (C,G,S) (Mrs S Crane) R Akehurst 3-8-3	R Cochrane		96
5	(7)	150440	CHEVEUX MITCHELL 19 (V,CD,F,G) (Mrs C Wood) M Channon 4-8-0	G Duffield		97
6	(1)	414166	NORTHERN CONQUEROR 52 (BF,F,G) (G Anthony) T Naughton 3-8-13	R Perham (5)		94
7	(13)	041330	PRINCESS TARA 40 (D,F) (Rokdivale Ltd) G Lewis 3-8-13	Paul Eddery		92
8	(6)	53314	EN ATTENDANT 29 (D,G) (Exors of the late B Newton) B Hanbury 3-8-13	F Norton (5)		89
9	(12)	003051	ASTERIX 4 (V,F) (T Marshall) C C Elsey 3-8-12 (Sex)	W Newnes		96
10	(2)	0-61025	BOURNVILLE 87 (CD,F,G) (Mrs B Lee) D Arbuthnot 5-8-10	W R Swinburn		92
11	(9)	005111	STYLISH GENT 33 (D,F,G) (Exors of the late N Phillips) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-5	J Reid		93
12	(5)	300620	CAROMISH 7 (D,G,S) (Newbury Racing Club) M Usher 4-8-3	L Newton (5)	●	99
13	(8)	252046	SCOTONI 24 (F) (R O'Sullivan) R O'Sullivan 5-7-10	D Biggs (5)		97

BETTING: 9-2 Stylish Gent, 11-2 Bournville, 8-1 Caroles Express, En Attendant, 10-1 Caromish, 12-1 others.
1990: CHEVEUX MITCHELL 3-8-0 R Hills (8-1) M Channon 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

JAWAB 9l 6th to Jalmusique at Ripon (1m, good to firm). Previously, beat Eurolink The Lad 4l in a graduation race at Brighton (7f, firm) last July. CAROLES EXPRESS neck 2nd to Repique at Sandown (7f, good to firm). CHEVEUX MITCHELL ½l 4th of 18 to Premier Prince at Salisbury (7f, firm) on penultimate start. Made all to beat BOURNVILLE (3lb better off) a neck, over course and distance (good to firm). In June, with RASAN (*5lb better off) a well-beaten last of 10. NORTHERN CONQUEROR has been disappointing since beating City Solace 1l at Sandown (1m 2f, good) in June. PRINCESS TARA ¾l 3rd to Glowing Ardour at Newmarket (7f, good) in July.
EN ATTENDANT 4l 4th to Pipsqueak at Leicester (6f, good). ASTERIX beat Mehsul ½l at Kempton (7f, good to firm). STYLISH GENT beat Croft Valley 1l, pair clear, at Pontefract (1m, good to firm). CAROMISH 1l 2nd to Charmed Knave at Brighton (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: EN ATTENDANT

COURSE SPECIALISTS (TURF ONLY)

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
A Stewart	7	15	43.8	W Carson	31	157	19.7
M Channon	4	12	33.3	J Reid	30	174	17.2
W Hern	5	16	31.3	R Cochrane	19	118	16.1
M Prescott	8	28	28.6	W R Swinburn	14	97	14.4
J Hills	4	16	25.0	S O'Gorman	8	58	13.8
J Gosden	4	18	22.2	M Roberts	19	144	13.2

3.30 DUKES ELECTRICAL HANDICAP (All-weather: £3,262: 7f) (16 runners)

1	(8)	126110	HELAWE 35 (B,CD,BF,F,G) (A Finn) M Prescott 8-10-0	G Duffield		94
2	(10)	051323	CROSBY 24 (E,CD,F,G,S) (R Belderson) P Kelleway 5-9-9	A Bates (7)		90
3	(16)	33/0-210	SHOUT OUT 151 (Dr C Stelling) C Nelson 4-8-7	J Reid		82
4	(14)	021500	GRAND GUIGNOL 10 (D) (H Morriss) G Wragg 3-9-5	F Norton (5)		93
5	(7)	300150	WELLSY LAD 3 (CD,S) (J Chapman) D Chapman 4-9-2	G Baxter		91
6	(11)	116306	RISING TEMPO 24 (CD) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-12	T McLaughlin (7)		97
7	(13)	004200	KRISTIS GIRL 10 (S) (Mrs S Mantle) D Haydn Jones 4-8-7	R Cochrane		92
8	(1)	218550	AIN'TLIFELIKETHAT 13 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Lipman) T Naughton 4-8-6	Paul Eddery		95
9	(2)	001004	SCOTS LAW 34 (CD,F) (S Bolton) R O'Sullivan 4-8-6	D Biggs (5)		91
10	(9)	431545	SUNLEY SPARKLE 23 (CD,G) (21st Century Racing) C C Elsey 3-8-4	W Newnes		97
11	(15)	1453/0-0	NAILEM 7 (F) (A Welton) R Hood 4-8-1	A Tucker (5)		—
12	(12)	500	DJEBEL PRINCE 15 (M Soames) J Hills 4-8-0	M Roberts	●	99
13	(6)	300000	THE MINDER 7 (D Wilson) D Wilson 4-7-11	S O'Gorman (3)		86
14	(3)	545004	ORCHARD'S PET 25 (D,F) (P Stringer) W Turner 5-7-10	T Williams		92
15	(5)	000022	SPRING HIGH 21 (B,F) (Mrs P Brown) K Ivory 4-7-7	N Adams		80
16	(4)	511200	VUCHTERBACHER 20 (D) (Mrs D Carvalho) P Tulk 5-7-7	T Wilson (7)		94

Long handicap: Spring High 7-6, Vuchterbacher 7-4.
BETTING: 6-1 Helawe, 8-1 Orchards Pet, Rising Tempo, Vuchterbacher, 10-1 Crosby, Spring High, 12-1 others.
1990: GOTT'S DESIRE 4-8-10 J Reid (7-1) R Bastiman 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

HELAWE beat Pelivara 1½l over course and distance in July, with CROSBY (1lb better off) a head 3rd and SUNLEY SPARKLE (5lb better off) 5l 4th. SHOUT OUT beat King Ferdinand 2½l in a maiden, here (AW, 1m, standard), in March.
GRAND GUIGNOL made all to beat Francis Ann 10l, over course and distance, in July. WELLSY LAD beat KRISTIS GIRL (4lb better off) 1l, here (AW, 6f, standard), in July. SCOTS LAW 3½l 4th to Amethystine, here (7f 140yd, good to firm). SPRING HIGH head 2nd to Navaresque at Folkestone (7f, firm), with AIN'TLIFELIKETHAT (16lb better off) 5¼l 5th. VUCHTERBACHER beat Lock Keeper ½l, over course and distance, in June, with SCOTS LAW (15lb better off) 5l 7th.
Selection: HELAWE

4.00 HARRIER SELLING STAKES (£2,528: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

1	(5)	0-40545	AFRICAN SPIRIT 32 (F,G,S) (G Tufts) J Pearce 7-9-10	N Adams		79
2	(9)	220320	DR MACCARTER 10 (B,CD) (M McDonnell) W O'Gorman 4-9-10	Emma O'Gorman (5)	●	99
3	(11)	3144-53	LATIN LEEP 57 (CD,BF,F) (P Bradley) J Pearce 4-9-10	R Cochrane		86
4	(2)	0443-40	MERSEYSIDE MAN 182J (V,C,F) (Mrs S Scargill) J Scargill 5-8-10	K Rutter (7)		86
5	(13)	310-008	FALLOW DEER 34J (D,F) (G Wiltshire) D Wintle 4-9-5	—		—
6	(12)	060150	MADAM JAC 18 (D,F) (C Clarke) R Akehurst 5-9-5	T Williams		84
7	(4)	005210	WILEYS FOLLY 7 (F) (Mrs S Crowe) S Dow 5-9-5	M Roberts		87
8	(14)	363822	HAND PAINTED 15 (Mrs M Baxter) J Pearce 7-9-4	N Day		90
9	(3)	520/6	YUVRAJ 15J (A Reason) B McMath 7-9-4	J Reid		—
10	(1)	563510	BILLY LOMOND 15 (B,CD,G) (G Scudder) C Cyzer 3-9-3	J Williams		92
11	(8)	000000	KREISCHIM 22 (D Wills) M Madgwick 5-8-11	G Baxter		84
12	(10)	000054	CRONK'S DOMINION 31 (B) (Cronk Garages Ltd) G Lewis 3-8-6	Paul Eddery		88
13	(7)	000-40	HEARTBURN 29 (L Halliday) J Bethell 3-8-6	—		83
14	(6)	0-0	SWEET DECREE 13 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-6	A Morris		—

BETTING: 5-2 Dr Maccarter, 5-1 Latin Leap, 7-1 Hand Painted, 8-1 Billy Lomond, 10-1 African Spirit, 12-1 others.
1990: FALLOW DEER 3-8-1 D Holland (2-1 fav) B Hills 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

AFRICAN SPIRIT 11l 6th of 10 to Angelica Park in a claimer at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). DR MACCARTER 12l 7th to Top Of The Bill in a claimer at Chester (1m 2f 110yd, good to firm). Previously, 5l 2nd to Springs Welcome in a handicap, over course and distance. LATIN LEEP 2¾l 3rd to Barnac at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm), with FALLOW DEER (same terms) 4½l 5th. MERSEYSIDE MAN 6l 4th to Modern British in a claimer, here (1m), in January. MADAM JAC beat Dramatic Event head in a claimer at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm) in July. WILEYS FOLLY beat Old Comrades neck at Brighton (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. HAND PAINTED 2½l 2nd to Bronze Runner at Warwick (1m 3f, good to firm), with BILLY LOMOND 19½l 14th. BILLY LOMOND beat Broughton Blues 1l over course and distance on penultimate start, with CRONK'S DOMINION 10l 4th.
Selection: DR MACCARTER

4.30 NUTFIELD MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES
(Turf: 2-Y-O: £2,001: 5f) (15 runners)

1	(9)	008	BLACK MOSS 22 (Mrs J Brown) D Haydn Jones 9-0	Paul Eddery		90
2	(14)		BODARI (R Thomas) D Wilson 9-0	A Cruz		—
3	(5)	0	FREEPHONE 27 (Amity Finance Ltd) J Hills 9-0	N Day		75
4	(8)	6205	GREAT HALL 7 (B) (Mrs J Joyce) W Wightman 9-0	R Cochrane		92
5	(15)	0	JAROMIC 22 (J Fleming) P Tulk 9-0	G Duffield		—
6	(13)	3	MAN OF THE SEASON 48 (Gilbey Textiles Ltd) Mrs N Macauley 9-0	J Marshall (7)		89
7	(10)	05	PEERAGE PRINCE 17 (D Hobbs) Pat Mitchell 9-0	S O'Gorman (3)		89
8	(3)	3032	UCCELLO 27 (K Khan) L Holt 9-0	J Reid		92
9	(6)	0	VERDE ALITALIA 53 (Gerasco Italia) J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson		—
10	(4)	0	WADERS DREAM 38 (J Adams) J Banks 9-0	L Newton (5)		—
11	(12)		BORN TO BE (J Redmond) S Dow 8-8	M Roberts		—
12	(2)		EASY DOES IT (21st Century Racing) C C Elsey 8-9	J Williams		—
13	(1)		EMAURA (Mrs P Sheen) Miss B Sanders 8-9	W Newnes		—
14	(7)	0244	PROMPTING 15 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-9	W R Swinburn	●	99
15	(11)	2	WANDERING STRANGER 15 (B Whitehouse) P Makin 8-9	T Sprake		94

BETTING: 9-2 Wandering Stranger, 5-1 Prompting, Verde Alitalia, 13-2 Uccello, 10-1 Black Moss, 12-1 others.
1990: VERY DICEY 9-0 B Raymond (9-2) R Smyth 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLACK MOSS 2l 6th of 21 to Polly Proceeds at Windsor (5f, good to firm), with GREAT HALL 18th and JAROMIC 20th. FREEPHONE 14l 8th of 15 to the useful Powerful Edge at Salisbury (5f, firm). GREAT HALL has been disappointing since when 1l 2nd to Miss Vesette at Brighton (5f, good to firm) last month. MAN OF THE SEASON 4l last of 3 to Jeune at Yarmouth (6f, good). PEERAGE PRINCE 11l 5th of 15 to Storm Dove at Newmarket (6f, good). UCCELLO ½l 2nd to Splice at Folkestone (5f, firm). VERDE ALITALIA 7½l 7th of 13 to Night Manoeuvres at Newbury (6f, good). PROMPTING 2¾l 4th to Wild Honour in a nursery at Sandown (5f, good). WANDERING STRANGER 1½l 2nd to Miss Vitesette at Warwick (5f, good to firm).
Selection: WANDERING STRANGER

5.00 SPITFIRE MAIDEN STAKES (Turf: 2-Y-O: £3,056: 7f) (19 runners)

1	(3)		ALQAIRAWAAN (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson		—
2	(11)	22	AMAZE 15 (Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 9-0	J Reid		91
3	(5)	25	BETALONGABILL 29 (Mrs T Tyler) M Madgwick 9-0	S O'Gorman (3)		76
4	(6)	0	CRETOES DANCER 27 (Mrs W Ong) W Muir 9-0	G Baxter		—
5	(16)	0	DOURAJ 38 (M Obeida) C Brittain 9-0	B Doyle (5)		—
6	(13)	00	ERLEMO 18 (D Turner) C Benstead 9-0	J Williams		87
7	(12)	2223	GREEN'S COLOURIST 8 (BF) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 9-0	R Cochrane	●	99
8	(4)		LIVE FOR TODAY (Mrs V O'Brien) P Burgoyne 9-0	N Carlisle		—
9	(5)		OLD MAN MOSE (C Wacker III) R Armstrong 9-0	N Day		—
10	(10)		STOUR HILL LAD (R Short) R Hodges 9-0	T Sprake		—
11	(14)		TAHITIAN (P Goulandris) H Candy 9-0	S Dawson		—
12	(7)		THEMAAM (H Al-Maktoum) T Thomson Jones 9-0	Paul Eddery		—
13	(15)	0	TOP ROYAL 54 (A Iason) J Dunlop 9-0	G Duffield		—
14	(6)	5	UTRILLO 19 (R Collins) A Stewart 9-0	M Roberts		81
15	(16)	00	EASY DELTA 22 (Mrs E Nield) C Holmes 8-9	N Adams		—
16	(19)		HAZY SHADES (W Wood) J Bridger 8-9	T Williams		—
17	(1)	04	SISTER BRIDGET 74 (A Kinghorn) Miss B Sanders 8-9	F Norton (5)		—
18	(17)		SNOW FOREST (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-9	W R Swinburn		—
19	(2)		TOURTERELLE (G Chagoury) Miss B Sanders 8-9	W Newnes		—

BETTING: 4-1 Alqairawaan, 11-2 Amaze, 6-1 Green's Colourist, 7-1 Top Royal, Utrillo, 12-1 Tahitian, 14-1 others.
1990: SO ROMANTIC 8-11 W Newnes (10-1) G Wragg 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMAZE 1½l 2nd to Beyton at Chester (1m, good to firm). GREEN'S COLOURIST 5¼l 3rd to King's Loch at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). Previously, 5l 2nd to Silver Wisp at Salisbury (7f, firm). TOP ROYAL 13l 8th to Captain Horatius at Sandown (7f, good to soft), with ERLEMO 13l 11th. UTRILLO 7l 5th to Deja at Yarmouth (7f, firm). ALQAIRAWAAN (foaled May 17), half-brother by Ajdel to Clare Heights, winner up to 1m 2f. OLD MAN MOSE (Apr 5, cost 9,800gns), half-brother by Simply Great to 1m 2f winner Palace Rebel. TAHITIAN (Mar 4, 22,000gns), half-brother by Precocious to 1m winner Luks Akura and useful hurdler Philosophos. THEMAAM (Mar 21, 66,000gns), by Night Shift out of an unraced dam. SNOW FOREST (May 24, $200,000), half-sister by Woodman to winner in the United States.
Selection: AMAZE

LEICESTER

MANDARIN
1.50 Ciboure. 2.20 Pica. 2.50 Up The Punjab. 3.20 Mai Pen Rai. 3.50 Mogwai. 4.20 Nobby Barnes. 4.50 Northern Rising. 5.20 Raise A Star.
THUNDERER
1.50 Ciboure. 2.20 Pica. 2.50 Up The Punjab. 3.20 Helen's Bower. 3.50 Mogwai. 4.20 Traders Dream. 4.50 Unanimous. 5.20 COCHINEAL (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.20 Pica.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

1.50 LEICESTERSHIRE CLAIMING STAKES
(Div I: 3-Y-O: £2,447: 1m 8yd) (13 runners)

1	-100	MAHONG 90 J Hills 9-4	M Hills	10		
2	65	BE THE BEST 31 G Harwood 8-10	A Clark	2		
3	0400	MY ALIBI 13 (B,F) W Carter 8-10	M Wigham	3		
4	0230	CIBOURE 9 (D,F,G) M Usher 8-9	C Rutter	1		
5	6415	CAPITAL BOND 8 (BF,F) R Holder 8-6	A Dicks	4		
6	0000	PINE GLEN PEPPER 22 (V) S Dow 8-6	G Carter	11		
7	0000	BIRD OF PEACE 19 D Laing 8-5	B Procter	6		
8	-403	CURLILOCKS 17 Mrs B Waring 8-5	N Howe	9		
9	2020	ROSIETOES 18 P Makin 8-5	T Quinn	12		
10	0235	SIXOFUS 7 (F) R Boss 8-2	W Ryan	5		
11	600-	MENDIP MIST 351 M Pipe 8-1	S Maloney (5)	7		
12	900-	CANUTELL 376 C Williams 7-13	J Quinn	8		
13	5130	KIRBY OPPORTUNITY 18 (G) J Pearce 7-11	D Holland	13		

15-8 Rosietoes, 100-30 Be The Best, 4-1 Ciboure, 6-1 Sixofus, 10-1 Capital Bond, 12-1 Mahong, 20-1 others.

2.20 EBF FILBERT MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £2,490: 1m 8yd) (11)

1	50	ANGLUSH 7 N Callaghan 8-11	L Dettori	9		
2		BALLYSTORM P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	1		
3	00	CAPPAHOOSH 14 H Collingridge 8-11	J Quinn	7		
4	5	CLEAR SOUND 55 (BF) G Wragg 8-11	G Carter	2		
5	03	CONGRESS 29 M Stoute 8-11	Pat Eddery	6		
6	33	DAZZLING FIRE 17 B Hills 8-11	M Hills	3		
7	65	EARLY BLOOM 36 R Boss 8-11	L Piggott	5		
8	60	JELLYROLL BLUES 22 Mrs G Reveley 8-11	M Birch	4		
9	0	MOON SPIN 94 W Hern 8-11	B Procter	8		
10		PICA H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan	11		
11	0	SHAFAYIF 36 B Hanbury 8-11	D Harrison (7)	10		

9-4 Dazzling Fire, 7-2 Pica, 9-2 Congress, 8-1 Ballystorm, 14-1 Shafayif, 16-1 Clear Sound, Early Bloom, 20-1 others.

2.50 RANCLIFFE NURSERY SELLING HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £2,731: 1m 8yd) (20)

1	445U	READY TO DRAW 11 (F) Ronald Thompson 9-7	A Proud	3		
2	5440	FLYING QUEST 62 R Boss 9-7	W Ryan	11		
3	0004	ABSOLUTLEY FOXED 29 B McMahon 9-5	—	18		
4	556	CIARA MELODY 29 (B) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-4	M Hunt (7)	8		
5	2264	UP THE PUNJAB 10 S Dow 9-4	T Quinn	20		
6	3546	SPLENDIDLY BOLD 15 (B) M H Easterby 9-1	M Birch	14		
7	1555	BETWEEN TWO FIRES 7 (F) L Barry 9-0	L Piggott	10		
8	000	CORLEY FLOWER 27 P Cundell 8-12	E Johnson	9		
9	050	TOLLS CHOICE 27 M W Easterby 8-12	L Dettori	17		
10	005	MUMMYS ROCKET 28 M O'Neill 8-11	J Fortune	1		
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Swede finds his best form when it matters

US Open title may put Edberg on the way to a monopoly

From ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW YORK

NOT since John McEnroe annihilated Jimmy Connors at Wimbledon in 1984 has a grand slam final turned into such a parade of one man's talent. The New York crowd came to watch Jim Courier, the man who had ended Connors's joyride and not lost a set in the tournament, muscle and bustle his way to the US Open title. They left, 122 minutes later, having seen a great artist at work. "This is the worst beating I have taken this year," Courier said after his 6-2, 6-4, 6-0 defeat. "But there was nothing I could do."

Edberg's fifth grand slam title, and his first off grass – he won the Australian Open twice, before it was played on hard courts, and Wimbledon in 1988 and 1990 – opens up the possibility of a domination most believed had ended with Ivan Lendl's decline.

Coming into the Open, seven different players had won the last seven grand slams. Courier, Sampras and Stich were the names in the ascendancy and, though Boris Becker and Edberg were seeded one and two, neither was really regarded as the favourite for the title. Now, a fortnight later, the sequence has ended and Edberg, like the women's champion, Monica Seles, has a clear road ahead.

Becker is suffering from an injury that has plagued him throughout the year and Sampras seems happy to go back to the ranks and, like Agassi, is in danger of dropping out of the top ten. Even Michael Stich, the Wimbledon champion who came into the US Open almost invincible, found the distractions of Flushing Meadow too much – just as Becker and Edberg had for many years.

"It is up to Stefan now," Tony Pickard, Edberg's faithful Sancho Panza, said. "He really stamped his authority on the game here. You see what he's done to the French Open champion and in the final. If he wants to, he can put himself away from these guys."

Defeated here last year in the first round, Edberg should have ensured his place at No. 1 until the end of the year at least. But the manner of Edberg's victory, reminiscent of the drubbing he gave Mats Wilander in the semi-final of the Australian Open last year, was more significant than the victory itself. Just as much as Connors, whose flat-hitting style so confused opponents brought up on topspin, Edberg produced a brand of elegant serve-and-volley tennis that, Sampras apart, many on this side of the Atlantic had long regarded as obsolete.

Up and down the country, there are a thousand budding Couriers, their games based on huge rackets of enormous power and the ability to hit more balls harder than anyone else. That is not to denigrate Courier, who has developed from a journeyman into a considerable player this year, but to say that the game should be as much about touch and timing as power.

Elegantly, gently, but with utter certainty, Edberg showed that and so did Leander Paes, of India, who won the US junior title, beating a Moroccan, Karim Alami, in an all-third world final that should make a few Australian and American, not to mention British, coaches scratch their heads.

The one uncertainty about Edberg's future is the strength of his desire to stay on top. He does not need the $400,000 US Open champion's cheque nor any of the other riches the game manufactures and, though only 25, he has been at the top of the game for six years. "It is up to him," Pickard says. "He can't produce that sort of performance day in, day out. But things can slip and if the body is not right, the mind's not right."



Edberg: "the best ever"

Neither was quite right in the early stages of the US Open as Edberg struggled against ordinary opponents. Not until he beat Michael Chang in three sets under lights in the fourth round did the fine-tuning of Edberg's delicate game begin.

He did not lose a set thereafter and never looked like doing so against Courier. His serving was solid, his volleying at times breathtaking, notably when he produced a stunning stop volley off a full-blooded Courier return as he served for the second set, and his nerve held much better than it had in the Australian Open or at Wimbledon earlier in the year.

It was a display of complete mastery, and the American, who will lead his country into the semi-final of the Davis Cup next week, had no answer. Edberg won the third set in 29 minutes. "It was the best match I have ever played," Edberg said and he is not inclined to exaggerate.

But, Edberg's excellence apart, the abiding memory of the 1991 US Open will be Connors, who has shown that dedication and talent are more important than age and, at a time when too many of the younger players regard the game as a chore, that enjoyment is still more important than both.

RESULTS: Men's singles: Final: S Edberg (Swe) bt J Courier (US), 6-2, 6-4, 6-0. Women's doubles: Final: P Shriver (US) and N Zvereva (USSR) bt J Novotna (Cz) and L Savchenko (USSR), 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5).

☐ Henri Leconte, who recently underwent a back operation, has been left out of the French team for the Davis Cup world group semi-final with Yugoslavia. Yannick Noah, the France captain, has named the world No. 6, Guy Forget, Fabrice Santoro, aged 18, and two untried players, Thierry Champion and Arnaud Boetsch, for the tie in Pau from September 20 to 22.

The reluctant New Yorker achieves perfect mastery

SIMON BARNES IN NEW YORK

YOU can find most things in New York. Even tranquillity and the leisure to be bored, though it takes someone with the determination of Stefan Edberg to find them. On every street corner, you can find the kind of drama and excitement we had performed for us by Jimmy Connors for most of the fortnight of the US Open. And you can also find excellence. Perfection, even.

You can find perfection in the skyline, in the art museums and the bookshops, in the canyon-like streets; and you can find it with Edberg. He is the world's most reluctant New Yorker. He lost in the first round of the US Open last year. This year, he won the final of the men's singles with tennis of such devastating perfection that I wonder if poor Jim Courier will ever recover.

"I'm starting to like New York," he said, in his wonderful wooden voice, as he received his trophy. Edberg is about as well adapted for New York as the Thomson's gazelle, but the final was his triumph. He said that he had never played better. Serve and volley brought to perfection.

He overcame Courier, a crowd cheering for Courier, heat, noise, movement and every disruption the US Open is famous for. Many tennis people wince when you talk about this tournament. I love it. I love watching the ballboys hurl the ball about like baseball infielders. I love the Manhattan skyline you can see from the perfectly appalling press-box. I love the mozzarella and basil sandwiches.

Above all, I love the atmosphere of the stadium court. This is a perfectly designed sporting cauldron, which reminds me, in a strange way, of the Crucible at Sheffield at snooker time. Connors rode this atmosphere like a surfer, and that made for some great occasions.

The crowd here is famous for its restlessness, for its eternal quest for the foot-long Coney Island hot dog. But I'll bet the crowd is more knowledgeable than Wimbledon's, for the United States is a tennis-playing nation. Britain is not, on the whole. Brits love Wimbledon, not tennis. That is why we do not produce very many Wimbledon champions – or US Open champions, for that matter.

Somebody asked Edberg if the fact that this was Connors's tournament detracted from his victory. Edberg was mildly amused by this. "When people 50 years from now look up the winner, they will find my name."

Edberg rose to the final without trace, thanks to Connors. "That's the way I sometimes want it," he said. "That takes the pressure away and lets me do my own thing. I sneaked in the back way as usual. Sometimes that's the way I like it."

Edberg, the diffident destroyer, eventually won great cheers from the New York crowd. He played tennis of such a high order, nobody could have failed to delight in it. He decided that his game plan was attack, and everything he tried worked. "I felt so relaxed out there. I was concentrated, but always so relaxed."

The tournament is played on a hard court, which is near perfect for the game. The serve-and-volleyers can serve and volley, the baseliners can base. The noise and the problems of concentration are just some of those little impossible tests that champions have to go through.

"I was staying in a house on Long Island, and that made a big difference," Edberg said. "Manhattan can get a bit crazy." We asked him what he did in this house, but he could't really think of anything. Watch TV. Sit about. Go out and eat Italian food sometimes. Watch TV. Sit about.

He gave one of those Edberg grins that tell you he appreciates all the nuances of what he is saying. "Sometimes it gets a bit boring. But I can handle that." It takes a special person to seek, let alone find, boredom in New York. After that, something like winning the US Open must be comparatively straightforward.

GERRY CROWTHER



Wasted effort: Rollins, the England Under-19 wicketkeeper, fails to run out Australia Under-19 batsman Foster

Surrey's seconds fall too

By RICHARD STREETON

THE OVAL (Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire beat Surrey by eight wickets

ASSURED batting by Paul Pollard and Duncan Martindale brought Nottinghamshire a convincing victory yesterday in the final of the Bain Clarkson trophy, the 55-over competition for county Second XIs, in which two capped players can be included. Surrey, who picked four members of their defeated NatWest final side on Saturday, were outplayed.

Set to make 197 to win, Nottinghamshire won with 6.5 overs to spare. Pollard opened the innings and by the time he was dismissed, trying to sweep in the fortieth over, Nottinghamshire's success was assured. Pollard, who won the man-of-the-match award, and Martindale, who has just been released by the county, added 119 in 31 overs for the second wicket. Pollard hit eight fours and Martingdale six.

Earlier Nottinghamshire bowled with commendable tightness in good conditions and never allowed the Surrey batsmen to break free. Crawley finished with four wickets and benefitted as desperate attempts were made to raise the tempo. Nottinghamshire also earned full marks for bowling their overs at nearly 19 an hour.

Robinson, who stayed 34 overs for 29, epitomised Surrey's struggle. One unusual incident came when Thorpe was run out before he had scored but *the appeal was withdrawn* because he had been impeded by the bowler following through.

Hampshire at home in first round

HAMPSHIRE, who won a 60-overs competition for the first time on Saturday, are at home to Dorset in the first round of next year's NatWest Trophy. Durham, the county championship newcomers, travel to Ireland.

DRAW: First round: Buckinghamshire v Sussex, Derbyshire v Berkshire, Essex v Cumberland, Glamorgan v Surrey, Gloucestershire v Cheshire, Hampshire v Dorset, Ireland v Durham, Kent v Devon, Leicestershire v Norfolk, Northamptonshire v Cambridgeshire, Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire, Oxfordshire v Lancashire, Shropshire v Middlesex, Somerset v Scotland, Warwickshire v Staffordshire, Yorkshire v Northumberland. *Ties to be played on June 24.* Second round: Derbyshire or Berkshire v Leicestershire or Norfolk, Essex or Cumberland v Oxfordshire or Lancashire, Hampshire or Dorset v Kent or Devon, Northamptonshire or Cambridgeshire v Yorkshire or Northumberland, Nottinghamshire or Worcestershire v Glamorgan or Surrey, Shropshire or Middlesex v Ireland or Durham, Somerset or Scotland v Gloucestershire or Cheshire, Warwickshire or Staffordshire v Buckinghamshire or Sussex. *Ties to be played on July 9.*

Luck of toss smiles again on Australia Under-19

By IVO TENNANT

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four; Australia Under-19 won toss): Australia Under-19 have scored 367 for six wickets against England Under-19

IF THIS three-match series between the under-19 sides of England and Australia is a harbinger of Tests to come, then the cricket should be compelling. It was yesterday, the Australians taking pretty well full advantage of winning the toss for the third time.

Their total of 367 for six has given them the ideal base in the deciding match, for the ball is turning, albeit slowly. Australia's innings was to an extent checked by Pearson, an off spinner of some guile and promise. Checked, that was, until Linhart and Barr put on an unbroken 126, on another hot afternoon. There were one or two England bowlers and fielders who had had quite enough by the close.

Just as the crowds have been better than is normally the case for Bull's development of excellence matches, so too has been the attendance by England's hierarchy. Mickey Stewart was here yesterday; Ted Dexter, who attended both the first two matches, is expected later this week. To the great delight of Graham Saville, England's manager, on the balcony one day at Chelmsford in the second of these matches were Dexter, Colin Cowdrey, Trevor Bailey and Doug Insole. An influential quartet.

At least two players from an under-19 XI can be expected to reach Test level. From these sides there should be more than that, which reflects that this has been a better series than might have been deduced from improper allegations of gamesmanship.

England again owed much to Pearson, and it can be no coincidence that he has just been offered a two-year contract by Northamptonshire. At Chelmsford, Pearson bowled throughout one day. Here he had 36 overs, 30 of them in one spell.

He came on after Australia had begun at a furious rate. Woebetide the bowlers who let Blewett get his eye in: his last three innings read 164, 0 and now 78, made with 11 fours.

When Pearson bowled Blewett, it was with one that was not short enough to be pulled. He had become bothered by the accuracy of the spinners, not least Bainbridge, who gave him scant opportunity to use his feet. Martyn, the captain, had gone to one Bainbridge turned across an angled bat, Crawley juggling with the ball at slip.

There was consistent batting all the way down the order. In particular, Gilchrist, more a batsman/wicketkeeper than vice versa, mastered England's attack. One of his two sixes off Lathwell reached the top tier of the pavilion, and this from a pitch in the middle of the square. Linhart and Barr relied more on power than timing, both reaching half-centuries before the close.

☐ Worcestershire will be without their captain, Phil Neale, and opening batsman, Tom Moody, for the Refuge Assurance Cup final against Lancashire at Old Trafford on Sunday. Neale has failed to recover from a broken thumb, while Moody, on tour in Zimbabwe with Australia, has been refused permission to fly home for the final.

☐ Cricket comes to Wembley stadium on September 28 when a Europe XI led by David Gower meets a Rest of the World side under Allan Border.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Bain Clarkson Trophy final

Surrey v Notts

THE OVAL (Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire beat Surrey by eight wickets

SURREY

A W Smith c Newell b Saxelby	5
M A Butcher c Saxelby b Field-Buss	42
J D Robinson c Broadley b Crawley	29
G P Thorpe c Pollard b Crawley	18
A D Brown c Broadley b Afford	11
*C K Bullen not out	45
†N F Sergeant b Crawley	10
N M Kendrick b Crawley	1
J Boiling run out	9
Extras (b 6, lb 16, w 4)	26
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	196

A J Murphy and A G Robson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-86, 3-99, 4-115, 5-121, 6-158, 7-182, 8-196.

BOWLING: Saxelby 8-1-35-1; Broadley 8-1-10-0; Field-Buss 11-0-31-1; Afford 11-1-33-1; Beles 6-0-25-0; Crawley 11-1-40-4.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

P R Pollard lbw b Boiling	75
S M Brogan lbw b Robinson	12
D J R Martindale not out	76
*M Newell not out	21
Extras (lb 8, w 1, nb 4)	13
Total (2 wkts, 48.1 overs)	197

G F Archer, M A Crawley, M Saxelby, R T Beles, M G Field-Buss, J A Afford and V J P Broadley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-150.

BOWLING: Murphy 10.1-0-44-0; Robson 8-0-36-0; Robinson 4-1-15-1; Boiling 11-2-33-1; Kendrick 11-0-37-0; Bullen 3-0-15-0; Brown 1-0-6-0.

Umpires: J D Bond and B Leadbeater.

Bull under-19 match

England Under-19 v Australia Under-19

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four; Australia won toss): Australia Under-19 have scored 367 for six wickets against England Under-19

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

G S Blewett b Pearson	78
G J Hayne c Rollins b Broadhurst	3
*D R Martyn c Crawley b Bainbridge	31
M R Foster b Pearson	45
†A C Gilchrist b Pearson	45
M J Fraser lbw b Welch	23
C P Linhart not out	51
G D Barr not out	61
Extras (b 5, lb 5, w 2, nb 17)	30
Total (6wkts, 115 overs)	367

D J Castle, S H Cook and A R Littlejohn to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-111, 3-141, 4-217, 5-238, 6-261.

ENGLAND UNDER-19: W P C Weston, M S Loye, *J P Crawley, B F Smith, M Lathwell, R Irani, G Welch, †R Rollins, M Bainbridge, R M Pearson, M Broadhurst.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and B Leadbeater.



Paul Pollard: a dashing innings at the Oval

Seaboard Trophy final

Sussex v Gloucs

HOVE (Gloucestershire won toss): Sussex won on faster scoring rate

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

M W Alleyne c Moores b Bunting	1
R J Scott c Pigott b Bunting	1
†R C Russell c Hall b Dodemaide	74
T M C Hancock st Moores b Salisbury	59
R I Dawson st Moores b Salisbury	34
J W Lloyds run out	15
*A J Wright b Pigott	3
R C Williams run out	16
A M Smith run out	1
A M Babington not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 7, nb 5)	16
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	221

M J Gerrard did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-4, 3-108, 4-166, 5-195, 6-200, 7-208, 8-218, 9-221.

BOWLING: Dodemaide 10-0-30-1; Bunting 8-0-20-2; Donelan 10-0-41-0; Pigott 10-1-50-1; Salisbury 7-0-32-1; Greenfield 7-0-44-1.

SUSSEX

J W Hall c Russell b Smith	24
*P W G Parker b Smith	15
K Greenfield b Gerrard	28
A P Wells run out	13
C M Wells run out	15
†P Moores c Gerrard b Smith	68
A I C Dodemaide c Alleyne b Gerrard	1
A C S Pigott lbw b Pigott	0
B T P Donelan b Lloyds	24
I D K Salisbury not out	6
R A Bunting not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 11, w 6, nb 11)	31
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	221

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-54, 3-85, 4-112, 5-118, 6-119, 7-119, 8-205, 9-219.

BOWLING: Babington 10-0-31-0; Gerrard 9-0-38-1; Smith 10-0-38-3; Lloyds 10-1-46-1; Williams 6-0-29-2; Alleyne 5-0-27-0.

Umpires: R C Tolchard and R A White.

GOLF

Amateur shorn of British best

By JOHN HENNESSY

THE draw for this week's amateur championship at Ganton bears a painfully unbalanced appearance, top heavy as it is with top Americans. Whereas seven of the ten home players in last week's Walker Cup have defected, mostly to the professional ranks, only two of the American team have returned across the Atlantic.

David Eger, an original entrant, has had to withdraw for personal reasons and Phil Mickelson, the Ballesteros of the amateur game with his aura of general superiority, said: "I have to go back to college in Arizona."

All this flows from a change of date, from May to September, of the Walker Cup, bringing in its wake a rescheduling of the amateur championship.

The flaw evident this week is well enough accepted by the championship committee, though Michael Bonallack, the secretary of the Royal and Ancient, diplomatically declared himself only "mildly disappointed".

Next year's championship, at Carnoustie, is fixed for more or less the same period in September, but the committee, Bonallack said, will be reconsidering its policy in future years.

In the circumstances, one would expect to forage only among the eight Americans to find the winner. But that overlooks the draining effect of playing in the Walker Cup. Not since Jay Sigel succeeded in 1979 has an American won the amateur.

Now, if he were to prevail again, he would have to hold his form over two rounds of medal play (one at Scarborough, North Cliff), and seven, possibly eight, rounds of matchplay.

The three home Walker Cup players standing their ground are Padraig Harrington, the top scorer in the home internationals last year for Ireland, and two Scots, Gary Hay, a reinstated amateur, and Jim Milligan, who needs to prove that his historic chip-in to win the Walker Cup two years ago was no dying flash in the pan.

The magic name of Nicklaus appears in the draw. It belongs to Gary, whom Jack Nicklaus has declared to be the best golfer in the family; himself excluded presumably.

ICE HOCKEY

Blaisdell thrown out again

THE season is only two weeks old, but Mike Blaisdell, of Durham Wasps, has been ejected from two games, the second incident occurring during the home game on Saturday with Murrayfield Racers (Norman de Mesquita writes).

Durham won 6-3, but the absence of Blaisdell and the player-coach, Paul Smith, with a wrist injury, saw the Wasps drop a point on Sunday, when they drew 5-5 with Whitley Warriors.

Ayr Raiders, whose future was in doubt during the summer, have made an excellent start, following up last weekend's win over Whitley, with a home win over Fife Flyers on Saturday and an away draw with the Racers on Sunday.

Slough Jets, who had two wins last weekend, lost at home to Cardiff Devils on Saturday and away to Solihull Barons on Sunday. They were not helped by the ejection of two players on Saturday, Gary Stefan for excessive arguing and Brian Biddulph for starting a fight with Cardiff's Shannon Hope.

Nottingham Panthers came from 3-2 down to beat Humberside Seahawks 5-3 on Saturday, but the Seahawks were unstoppable at home on Sunday beating Telford Tigers 11-0.

Blackburn Blackhawks have made an outstanding start in the Autumn Trophy, with two away wins, over Sunderland Indians and Trafford Metros, scoring 22 goals without conceding. Medway Bears, aiming to regain a place in the first division, also started with two wins. Metros lost twice, scoring one goal while conceding 20.

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CYCLING

British record falls to veteran Adkins

EDDIE Adkins, the British 25-mile champion from 1977 to 1979, led the way when eight national time-trial records were broken at the weekend in the Leo RC 30-mile event near Witham, Essex (Peter Bryan writes).

Adkins, aged 42, from Aylesbury, had hoped to improve the veteran's record, but finished with a British best time of 59min 22sec.

Martin Pyne's record of 1hr 1 sec had survived for ten years until Gary Empson became the first to beat one hour with a time of 59.56, before Adkins, who started 20 minutes later, lowered it by 34 seconds.

In the same event, Sue Wright set a record of 1hr 07min 24sec and David Pitt took the tricycle record with a time of 1:06.11. The promoting club twice broke the British team record.

On Sunday two fathers partnered by their sons broke records in the Luton 12-hours. Rod Goodfellow and son Peter added eight miles to their British tandem record, covering 277.36 miles, and Leo and Kevin Bradford achieved 245 miles on their tandem tricycle.

RESULTS: Luton Wheelers 12 hours: 1, I Butcher (Bedfordshire RCC), 275.18 miles; 2, R Dadswell (Antelope), 266.33; 3, S Campbell (Rugby), 265.09. Team: Bedfordshire RCC, 763. Tricycle Association championship (25 miles): 1, D Pitt (Charlotteville), 59min 43sec.

Mansell shows Italian motorists how it is done

By PETER BARNARD

SPORT ON TELEVISION

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

SQUEALING tyres, cars weaving unannounced in front of other cars, brakes slammed on suicidally late, accelerators flat against the floor, furious fists waved at alleged laggards. Rush hour in any Italian city.

The ordinary tourist gazes at this craziness in wonder. Indeed, it is the ninth or tenth wonder of the world that such wanton disregard for safety does not produce, on a daily basis, carnage fit to make strong men tremble.

Once a year, in early September, the Italian motorist takes a busman's holiday and goes to Monza to watch the Italian grand prix.

Ordinary Italian traffic is presided over by a policeman bearing a whistle. The Monza show is presided over, at least for the watching British, by Murray Walker and James Hunt. The other difference is that at Monza the drivers on the track know what they are doing, whereas the drivers in the crowd only think they do.

Riccardo Patrese was, on Sunday, the sole Italian on the track with a chance of winning. Although television coverage of motor racing is such that only the roar of Walker can be heard, usually, above the roar of the cars, it is sometimes just possible to hear the roar of the crowd when a home favourite does something notable.

On Sunday it happened twice: when Nigel Mansell let Patrese through into second place, and when Patrese went reeling out of the race as if he had misjudged a Roman roundabout.

The subtle differences of mood reflected in these roars, the first triumphant and the second despairing, were lost in the television coverage, but can be reasonably guessed at. An Italian motor racing hero and an Italian motor racing villain are often the same man on the same lap. Few things in life are as transient as Italian glory.

Ask Mansell. He must have been particularly gratified to win at Monza, something he never did for Ferrari, but we were of course treated to his usual "mountain to climb" pessimism after the race. He is a brave and often brilliant driver, but one could wish he would occasionally get through a sentence without using the word "but".

The word "if" had a day out in entirely different circumstances on Saturday. The NatWest Trophy final at Lord's produced the most memorable one-day cricket occasion I can recall in many years, with the commentators having to hedge their bets as to the outcome almost as often as I did. I wanted Hampshire to win thanks to a Gower century. They won but Gower failed, though as Hampshire's stand-in captain he scarcely made a wrong move, except the strange business of putting on both spinners at once.

I sometimes think that Gower does this sort of thing to add to the excitement. If so, it worked. See-saw matches like this one are a viewer's delight, not least because of a particular respect in which they are a commentator's nightmare. When Graham Thorpe was on 93, for example, getting out looked like being the last thing that was likely to happen to him. Geoffrey Boycott thought so, too, so he embarked on a eulogy that ended "... sensible and controlled". At that moment Thorpe slashed a catch to mid-off, so that Jack Bannister was able to complete Boycott's sentence (did I detect a certain relish?) "... and out".

From that point it was not just Boycott's willingness to commit himself that faded perceptibly. We had to wait until the evening, and the live boxing transmission of Dave McAuley's title defence, before we heard another commentator stick his neck out.

Harry Carpenter has regretted doing so before, but at the start of the tenth round he told us that perhaps McAuley was about to make history. McAuley promptly produced a right hand to gladden Harry's heart and terminate the contest. If only Frank Bruno had been there to hug him.

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Switzerland coach loses his composure

Roxburgh boasts about Scottish selection problem

From RODDY FORSYTH IN BERNE

IF THE precious qualifying points from Wednesday's European championship game between Switzerland and Scotland could be allocated for composure, they would already have been awarded to the Scots. The demeanour of the opposing coaches and, it seems, of the players in their charge, contrasts so markedly one wonders if the Swiss are not up to some elaborate exercise in deception in collaboration with the local population.

Yesterday in Berne the Scottish coach, Andy Roxburgh, said of the Swiss: "I am sure their attitude is 'We have to win'. I even find their journalists agitated about this game. They're always asking us why we aren't nervous about our prospects. Actually, my major selection problem is one I've always wanted, which is who do I leave out? We have got six players available for use up front. This time they're all here and they all want to be involved."

At Switzerland's training camp the wrath of the Swiss coach, Uli Stielike, was chiefly directed at one television interviewer because his station had screened an opinion poll on Switzerland's prospects conducted on the streets of Berne and Zurich. "You only showed negative opinions," Stielike said. "Well, that was all we got," the broadcaster replied.

A reporter from the magazine *Blick* was told off for his contribution to the cause of national morale, a computer study of the Swiss players' biorhythms which showed that 80 per cent of the squad will be in a mental and physical trough by the kick off on Wednesday. "That is simply bad," said Stielike. "Very bad," the reporter said.

The biorhythms of the Swiss sweeper, Sforza, and his team-colleague, Knup, may already be plunging. Sforza has injured his neck, forcing Stielike to employ two defensive systems in training yesterday. One deployment accommodated Sforza, the other budgeted for his absence. Knup is convalescing after being punched accidentally by his own goalkeeper during a workout on Sunday.

The Scottish headquarters, in the heart of Berne, is a haven of tranquility compared to Stielike's menage, although there has been much talk that Wednesday's game might assume the combative nature of the Scots' encounter with Sweden in the World Cup finals in Italy.

Roxburgh has decided who will play at the back and in midfield, now he must choose from Durie of Tottenham Hotspur, Gallacher of Coventry City, the Rangers pair of Johnston and McCoist, Manchester United's McClair and Robertson of Heart of Midlothian. The selection remains open and the team will not be disclosed until Wednesday evening, but nobody should be too surprised if Durie is already on the starting list.

James keeps his place

DAVID James can increase the possibility of being prised away from Vicarage Road for a six-figure sum with a commanding performance for England Under-21 against their German counterparts in an exhibition at Scunthorpe tonight (Louise Taylor writes).

The Watford goalkeeper not only possesses the height, physique and reflexes necessary to inhibit opposing forwards, but authority and poise that many goalkeepers fail to acquire until they reach their mid-twenties.

No wonder then, that, at the tender age of 21, and with barely a season's first-team experience behind him, that the name James features on the shopping lists of some of England's better-heeled managers.

James retains his place despite the claims of Ian Walker, who is presently keeping Erik Thorsvedt out of the Tottenham Hotspur first team, while another much coveted individual leads the attack.

Alan Shearer, the Southampton forward, who hopes to add to his 11-goal under-21 tally, will play alongside Kevin Campbell, of Arsenal.

ENGLAND UNDER-21: D James (Watford); J Dodd (Southampton), P Warhurst (Sheffield Wednesday), C Vinnicombe (Rangers), C Tiler (Nottingham Forest), J Ebbrell (Everton, capt), P Williams (Derby County), M Draper (Notts County), A Shearer (Southampton), K Campbell (Arsenal), T Johnson (Notts County). Substitutes to be announced.



Kelly's eye: Buffalo quarterback spots a receiver

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Hostetler given a rocky ride

By ROBERT KIRLEY

JEFF Hostetler was on cruise control. He won all eight National Football League games in which he was the starting quarterback, including the Super Bowl last January. On Sunday, however, the pass master of the New York Giants found the going bumpy against the Los Angeles Rams, nobody's idea of a great team.

Robert Delpino gained 116 yards and scored a touchdown and Tony Zendejas kicked four field goals to lead the Rams to a 19-13 upset victory. The Rams, playing away, forced three turnovers, two of which led to field goals.

Delpino scored on a one-yard run and Zendejas kicked field goals of 29, 50, 32 and 33 yards. The Giants scored on Matt Bahr's field goals of 46 and 40 yards and Hosteler's one-yard toss to Dave Meggett. Hostetler threw his first interception in 184 passes and lost a fumble on two of the Giants' first three series.

Jim Kelly, of the **Buffalo Bills**, the losing quarterback in the Super Bowl last January, completed six touchdown tosses in a 52-34 win over the **Pittsburgh Steelers**. Pittsburgh yielded only nine scoring passes all last season. Kelly connected with Don Beebe on four of his scoring passes.

The **Detroit Lions** rebounded from a 45-0 loss to Washington last week by beating the **Green Bay Packers** 23-14. Rodney Peete, of Detroit, threw for 271 yards, including 143 to Robert Clark, and Eddie Murray contributed three field goals.

Steve Young threw for 346 yards and three touchdowns, including two to Jerry Rice, as the **San Francisco 49ers** beat their fellow-Californians, the **San Diego Chargers**, 34-14. The swarming defense of the **Chicago Bears** recorded seven sacks in a 21-20 victory over the **Tampa Bay Buccaneers**.

RUGBY UNION

England launch campaign to run with the ball

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND'S bandwagon has now become exactly that. The national squad will roll towards the World Cup on the crest, not only of a conventional playing campaign, but a promotional one, complete with video and record, aimed at youngsters. Peter Yarranton, the president of the Rugby Football Union, wondered aloud at yesterday's launch of "Run with the Ball" whether "we have seen something which is a fundamental change in the game".

Brian Moore, Rob Andrew and Richard Hill, in company with representatives of the Parallel Media Group, who are advising the players on their commercial aspirations, represented the England squad in upbeat mood: "It's the first generic campaign, player-led, that I can think of and I hope it offers a long-term format for the promotion of the game," Moore, the Harlequins hooker, said.

Within 40 working days since the RFU gave the campaign its, in some cases reluctant, blessing, the players and their advisors have been able to bring together five quality sponsors to fund "Run with the Ball".

Virgin Atlantic, Hutchison Telecom, Wilkinson Sword, Sony and Capital Radio have become official supporters of the squad, Courage is running an allied campaign, the *Daily Mail* will sponsor a rugby camp for 3,000 young players at Richmond between October 7 and 18, and detailed negotiations are proceeding with two further companies.

Posters will be distributed across England this week, the squad's recording of *Swing low, sweet chariot* will be available from September 23 and a film of the best of English rugby will be circulated to cinemas.

"The value of the campaign will be over £1 million," Moore said. "We haven't raised all that money yet, but we have more than two-thirds of it and we've only just begun. We are well on the way to delivering what we promised five months ago. From that, the players will receive between £5-6,000, from non-rugby-related activities."

Indeed, the players will not receive that until the International Rugby Football Board approve every detail of the promotional scheme, which was referred to them in June.

"It's exciting, new, aimed at a particular audience and there is no doubt it will complement the tremendous efforts being made by our own youth development officers," Yarranton said.

Perhaps an *a cappella* version of *Swing low* will go down well at Kingsholm on Saturday when an England XV plays Gloucester with a side showing ten changes from that which began against the Soviet Union last Saturday. Dean Richards is named on the blind side flank rather than at No. 8, and Ian Hunter, the Northampton full back, has been added to the squad while Simon Hodgkinson recovers from the sprained ankle he received at Twickenham.

☐ Craig Innes, the New Zealand international centre, will join Bedford after the World Cup is completed in November.

☐ Constitution continue their centenary season celebrations by playing the Barbarians today.

ENGLAND XV (v Gloucester): J Webb (Bath); N Heslop (Orrell), W Carling (Harlequins, captain), S Halliday (Harlequins), C Oti (Wasps); D Pears (Harlequins), R Hill (Bath); P Rendall (Askeans), J Olver (Northampton), G Pearce (Northampton), D Richards (Leicester), N Redman (Bath), W Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), P Whitterbottom (Harlequins), M Teague (Gloucester). Replacements: I Hunter (Northampton), J Guscott (Bath), R Andrew (Wasps), J Leonard (Harlequins), B Moore (Harlequins), M Skinner (Harlequins).

BARBARIANS (v Cork Constitution): A Jourbert (Old Greys, OFS); A Harriman (Harlequins), Q Daniels (Western Province), S Pierce (North Harbour), I Hunter (Northampton); C Stephens (Llanelli), R Moon (Llanelli); E Rodriguez (Wasps), T Lawton (Durban HSOB), G Kebble (Natal), E Rush (North Harbour), A Copsey (Llanelli), A Macdonald (Heriot's FP), N Back (Leicester), W Bartmann (Durban Harlequins).

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL): Chicago 21, Tampa Bay 20; Cleveland 20, New England 0; Detroit 23, Green Bay 14; Miami 17, Indianapolis 6; LA Rams 19, NY Giants 13; Minnesota 20, Atlanta 19; New Orleans 17, Kansas City 10; Phoenix 26, Philadelphia 10; Buffalo 52, Pittsburgh 34; San Francisco 34, San Diego 14; LA Raiders 16, Denver 13; Seattle 20, NY Jets 13; Houston 30, Cincinnati 7.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo Bills	2	0	0	1.000	67	65
Miami Dolphins	1	1	0	.500	48	41
New England Patriots	1	1	0	.500	16	27
NY Jets	1	1	0	.500	29	33
Indianapolis Colts	0	2	0	.000	13	33
Central division						
Houston Oilers	2	0	0	1.000	77	24
Cleveland Browns	1	1	0	.500	34	26
Pittsburgh Steelers	1	1	0	.500	60	72
Cincinnati Bengals	0	2	0	.000	21	75
West division						
Denver Broncos	1	1	0	.500	58	30
Kansas City Chiefs	1	1	0	.500	24	20
LA Raiders	1	1	0	.500	33	60
Seattle Seahawks	1	1	0	.500	44	40
San Diego Chargers	0	2	0	.000	34	60

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Phoenix Cardinals	2	0	0	1.000	50	24
Dallas Cowboys	1	0	0	1.000	26	14
Washington Redskins	1	0	0	1.000	45	0
NY Giants	1	1	0	.500	29	33
Philadelphia Eagles	1	1	0	.500	30	29
Central division						
Chicago Bears	2	0	0	1.000	31	26
Detroit Lions	1	1	0	.500	23	59
Minnesota Vikings	1	1	0	.500	26	20
Green Bay Packers	0	2	0	.000	17	43
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	0	2	0	.000	33	37
West division						
New Orleans Saints	2	0	0	1.000	44	34
LA Rams	1	1	0	.500	33	37
San Francisco 49ers	1	1	0	.500	48	30
Atlanta Falcons	0	2	0	.000	22	34

☐ Does not include last night's game: Washington at Dallas.

CRICKET

HARARE: One-day internationals: Australia B 172 (T M Moody 42; A J Tresize 4-20); Zimbabwe 178 for 4 (K Arnott 85). Zimbabwe won by 6 wkts.

INTERNATIONAL BENEFIT MATCH: Norton on Tees: South African XI 223-8 (D Noseworthy 68, L Wilkinson 54; P Bainbridge 5-51); Durham 201. South African XI won by 22 runs.

SQUASH RACKETS

LEEDS: Driadins West Yorkshire Open championships: Finals: Mens: G Merrin bt M Thorpe, 9-7, 9-0, 9-7, 7-9, 10-9. Women: J Pearson bt G Topliss, 8-5, 6-9, 9-3, 9-0.

ATHLETICS

COLOGNE: Grand prix meeting: Men: 3,000m: 1, D Baumann (Ger), 7:33.91; 2, Y Ondieki (Ken), 7:34.74; 3, J Kipkoech (Ken), 7:45.60. Javelin: 1, K Kinnunen (Fin), 87.58m; 2, V Sesimovich (USSR), 83.58; 3, M Hill (GB), 82.32. Women: 200m: 1, M Otley (Jam), 21.83. 800m: 1, L Gurina (USSR), 1min 58.88sec; 2, A Quirot (Cuba), 1:59.85; 3, C Wachtel (Ger), 1:59.89. 3,000m: 1, T Dorovskich (USSR), 8:56.39. High jump: 1, H Henkel (Ger), 2.01m. Shot: 1, N Lisovskaya (USSR), 19.76.

HUMBER BRIDGE MARATHON: (1st to Grimsby): 1, I Ellis (Newport), 2hr 19min 48sec; 2, N Barlow (Horwich), 2:22:44; 3, T Hughes (Dunoon), 2:24:48. Women: T Sokolova (USSR), 2:52:53.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal 4, Cincinnati 2; Los Angeles 5, Pittsburgh 1; Atlanta 7, New York 5; San Francisco 4, Chicago 3; Philadelphia 5, Houston 0.

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh Pirates	81	55	.596	—
St Louis Cardinals	71	64	.526	9½
Chicago Cubs	68	68	.500	13
New York Mets	65	71	.478	16
Phila Phillies	65	71	.478	16
Montreal Expos	55	77	.430	22½
West division				
LA Dodgers	77	60	.562	—
Atlanta Braves	76	60	.559	½
San Diego Padres	69	68	.504	8
Cincinnati Reds	66	70	.485	10½
San Fran Giants	63	73	.463	13½
Houston Astros	57	79	.419	19½

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 17, Seattle 6; Kansas City 3, Baltimore 2; Toronto 11, Cleveland 5; Oakland 7, Detroit 4; Minnesota 8, New York 5; Texas 7, Chicago 6; California 1, Milwaukee 0.

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto Blue Jays	79	60	.568	—
Boston Red Sox	72	64	.529	5½
Detroit Tigers	72	65	.526	6
Milwaukee Brewers	65	71	.478	12½
NY Yankees	60	75	.444	17
Baltimore Orioles	55	81	.404	22½
Cleveland Indians	44	92	.324	33½
West division				
Minnesota Twins	89	54	.606	—
Chicago White Sox	75	69	.543	8½
Oakland A's	74	64	.536	9½
Texas Rangers	71	64	.526	11
Kansas City Royals	70	66	.515	12½
California Angels	68	68	.500	14½
Seattle Mariners	66	69	.488	15

EQUESTRIANISM

CALGARY, Canada: Nations Cup show jumping: 1, Great Britain (N Skelton on Allen Paul Phoenix Park; M Whitaker on Henderson Tess Monsuer; D Broome on Lennegan; J Whitaker on Henderson Milton); 2, Netherlands (P Raymakers on Ratina Z; J Tops on Doreen La Silla; J Lansink on Optiebeurs Libero H; A Voorn on Optiebeurs Opstalan); 3, Switzerland (M Fuchs on M and C Schandor; R Lesser on Mesdon Carter; S Lauber on Lugano I; T Fuch on M and C Dollar Girl).

ZWETTL, Austria: World driving championships: Individual: 1, W Ulrich (Swit), 174.45 penals; 2, E Meyer (Ger), 175.0; 3, R Kusz (Pol), 176.8. Britain: 8, G Bowman, 183.8; 23, B Capstick, 210.4; 24, P Bennett, 212.6. Team placings: 1, USA, 355.8; 2, Germany, 357.4; 3, Poland, 362.2; 4, Hungary, 365.9; 5, GB, 381.6, 6, Switzerland, 392.2.

YACHTING

RELDSTOWE FERRY: International 505 World qualifier: 1, R Napier and K Summersgill; 2, C Haworth and N Appleton; 3, C Robinson and K Richardson.

PLYMOUTH (Royal Western YC): J24 national championship: Jeristic (J Greenwood); 2, Stouche (S Jardine); 3, Joint Venture (C Simonds); 4, Scandal (R Mitchell); 5, Plastic Bag (D Bedford); 6, RFJ (S Slater).

International 14 World Championships: Race 4, 1, M Jones and D McDonald (Britain); 2, R Peters and E Webb (Britain); 3, A Stead and B Grant (Britain); 4, R Yeoman and J Eplett (Britain); 5, A FitzGerald and I Warren (Britain). Overall after 4 Races: 1, M Jones and D McDonald (Britain) 13.7 points; 2, R Peters and E Webb (Britain) 38.4 points; 3, R Yeoman and J Eplett (Britain) 48.0 points; 4, P Airey and R Simpson (New Zealand) 49.0 points; 5, A FitzGerald and I Warren (Britain) 50.7.

CYCLING

TOUR OF CATALONIA: Fourth stage: 1, A Gutierrez (Sp), 4hr 5min 30sec; 2, M Hermans (Neth); 3, J Skibby (Den); 4, J-C Gonzalez (Sp); 5, M Fondriest (It); 6, V Davidenko (USSR); 7, R Pagnin (It); 8, A Selov (USSR); 9, S Morsels (Bel); 10, I Quevarin (Sp), all same time. Overall: 1, Fondriest, 12hr 51min 2sec; 2, Dhaenens, 1sec behind; 3, M Lejarreta (Sp); 4, M Mauri (Sp); 5, S Hodge (Aus); 6, J Llanares (Sp); 7, A Zulle (Switz), same time; 8, E Boumans (Neth), at 2sec; 9, J Heppner (Neth), same time. 10, A Pino (Sp), at 6sec.

FENCING

COLCHESTER: Essex Open: Men: Foil: 1, N Nutt (Aus); 2, M Guerigault (Crawley Swords); 3, B Dickinson (Hemel Hempstead); 4, K Baybbun (Sussex House); Sabre: 1, S Hutton (LTFC); 2, J Tanner (Bath); 3, J Williams (LTFC); 4, C Galliano (Kingston). Epee: 1, O Benliman (Le Chesney); 2, H Kamohan (Salle Boston); 3, I Jones (Ashton Tameside); 4, N Olympitie (Lansdowne). Women: Foil: 1, L Rogerson (Oldham); 2, J Bracewell (Stella Polaris); 3, D Smith (Stella Polaris); 4, B Condor (Chelsea and Westminster). Epee: 1, G Usher (Meadowbank); 2, J Clark (Ipswich); 3, K Sinkar (Tenterden Swords); 4, E Jorden (Romley).

FOOTBALL

CLIFTON STOCKBROKER LEAGUE: Reserves Team Cup: Swansea 6, Hereford 1; Swindon 4, Bristol Rovers 4, Torquay 0, Plymouth 2; Yeovil 2, AFC Bournemouth 2

WEST AFRICAN CUP: Final: First leg: Lobi Bank 1 (Nigeria), Africa Sports (Ivory Coast) 1 (at Makurdi).

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH RESERVE LEAGUE RIDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Wolverhampton: 1, B Howe (Ipswich), 15; 2, S Morris (Wolverhampton), 14; 3, S Scott (Cradley Heath), 12.



Nick Price: winner of the Canadian Open

GOLF

OAKVILLE, Ontario: Canadian Open: Leading final totals (US unless stated): 273: N Price (Zim), 71, 68, 67, 67. 274: D Edwards, 68, 69, 68, 69. 276: F Couples, 69, 69, 68, 69; K Green, 66, 69, 68, 70. 277: J Sluman, 69, 72, 72, 64; D A Weibring, 69, 64, 69, 75. 278: J Benepe, 64, 67, 75, 72. 279: N Lancaster, 70, 70, 70, 69; B Kamm, 65, 67, 74, 73. 280: I Baker-Finch (Aus), 69, 72, 71, 68; B Lohr, 69, 69, 71, 71; R Stewart, 69, 69, 70, 73; P Azinger, 70, 68, 70, 72. 281: C Burroughs, 71, 65, 72, 69; B McCallister, 73, 67, 72, 69; S Gump, 69, 71, 71, 70; W Maytair, 70, 68, 71, 72; P Stewart, 73, 68, 68, 72.

PORTLAND, Oregon: Women's tournament: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 208: M Ertll, 68, 69, 70. 209: R Jones, 70, 73, 66. 210: M Figueras-Dotti (Sp), 69, 73, 68; J Wyatt, 71, 68, 70; M Bertacott, 68, 72, 70. 211: P Bradley, 74, 68, 69; M Mallon, 72, 71, 68; K Davies (GB), 69, 70, 72; D Ammacapane, 68, 71, 72. Other Britists: 213: L Davies, 74, 72, 67. 214: C Pierce, 75 70 69. 224: P Wright, 73, 75, 76.

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan: Seniors' tournament: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 202: H Henning (SA), 72, 64, 66; G Gilbert, 70, 68, 64 (Henning won on 1st hole of play-off). 203: J Fernee, 69, 68, 66; I Trevino, 68, 66, 67. 204: J Dent, 71, 66, 65; G Latter, 67, 69, 68; R Thompson, 66, 69, 69. 205: J Kister, 70, 69, 66; M Hill, 70, 68, 67; R Hendrickson, 71, 66, 68. 208: G Cowan, 70, 69, 67; C Stilford, 69, 68, 68. 207: A Palmer, 72, 69, 66; R McBee, 70, 69, 68; B Rann, 68, 68, 71.

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, I Woosnam (Wales), 18.33pts; 2, J-M Olezabal (Sp), 16.88; 3, N Faldo (Eng), 14.70; 4, G Norman (Aus), 13.03; 5, S Ballesteros (Sp), 12.72; 6, J Sluman (US), 11.87; 7, P Azinger (US), 10.53; 8, F Couples (US), 10.39; 9, B Langer (Ger), 10.25; 10, M McNulty (Zim), 9.21.

VOLVO ORDER OF MERIT: 1, S Ballesteros (Sp), 408,188pts; 2, C Montgomerie (Scot), 279,335; 3, S Richardson (Eng), 276,927; 4, C Parry (Aus), 267,809; 5, I Woosnam (Wales), 252,401; 6, M McNulty (Zim), 204,051; 7, P Broadhurst (Eng), 198,541; 8, S Torrance (Scot), 197,538; 9, B Langer (Ger), 191,913; 10, D Gilford (Eng), 186,928; 11, E Romero (Arg), 185,828; 12, D Feherty (N Ire), 184,375; 13, E Darcy (Ire), 182,145; 14, V Singh (Fiji), 181,230; 15, M Harwood (Aus), 179,810; 16, J M Olezabal (Sp), 174,532; 17, P-U Johansson (Swe), 174,168; 18, M McLean (Eng), 132,287; 19, N Faldo (Eng), 126,332; 20, P Stewart (US), 125,448

LA MANGA: Daily Express-Eseo national boys' championship: First round: 72: J Bromley (Patshull Park). 75: S Hurd (Horsforth). 79: S Andrew (Clitheroe), S Jamieson (Kytes of Bute), T Merwick (Cornerpton). 80: R Groves (Lambernurst), S Devenny (Strabane). 83: D Byles (Monmouthshire).

GYMNASTICS

INDIANAPOLIS: World championships: Compulsory exercises: Men: Teams: 1, Soviet Union, 291.525; 2, Germany, 287.950; 3, Japan, 287.900; 4, China, 287.675; 5, United States, 285.675; 6, South Korea, 284.825; 7, Italy, 283.750; 8, Romania, 283.075; 9, Bulgaria, 282.325; 10, Hungary, 282.225; 11, Switzerland, 280.025; 12, Great Britain, 279.300. Individual: 1, I Korobchinskiy (USSR), 58.700; 2, V Scerbo (USSR), 58.525; 3, V Lukin (USSR), 58.350; 4, G Misutin (USSR), 58.325; 5, A Wecker (Ger), 58.300; 6, Y Ikeberi (Japan), 58.050; 7, LI Jing (China), 58.025; 8, S Kaswick (US), 57.875; 9, S Krell (Ger), 57.850; 10, V Belenky (USSR), 57.800. Other Britons: 56, N Thomas, 56.650; 55, J Hay, 56.225; equal 72, T Bartlett, 55.825; 80, P Bowler, 55.450; 114, M Campbell, 54.100; 121, D Cox, 53.800.

HOCKEY

WESTMINSTER CHALLENGE: Quarter-finals: Purley 2, Bromley 0; Richmond 0, Gamer 0 (Gamer won on penalty corners); Spencer 3, Wimbledon 2; Surbiton 1, Dulwich 0. Semi-finals: Purley 0, Gamer 0 (Purley won); Spencer 0, Surbiton 2. Final: Purley 0, Surbiton 5.

ICE HOCKEY

AUTUMN CUP: Ayr Raiders 7, Fife Flyers 6; Durham Wasps 8, Murrayfield Racers 3; Nottingham Panthers 5, Humberside Seahawks 3; Romford Raiders 7, Bracknell Bees 4; Slough Jets 2, Cardiff Devils 9; Telford Tigers 7, Billingham Bombers 5; Bracknell Bees 2, Cardiff Devils 1; Humberside Seahawks 11, Telford Tigers 0; Murrayfield Racers 4, Ayr Raiders 4; Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 9, Billingham Bombers 6; Solihull Barons 5, Slough Jets 3; Whitley Warriors 5, Durham Wasps 5.

AUTUMN TROPHY: Basingstoke Beavers 19, Oxford City Stars 2; Medway Bears 7, Hedgery Racers 3; Milton Keynes Kings 16, Telford Metros 11; Sunderland Indians 0, Blackburn Blackhawks 18; Swindon Wildcats 17, Streatham Redskins 5; Chelmsford Chieftains 4, Medway Bears 8; Hedgery Racers 5, Lea Valley Lions 4; Oxford City Stars 3, Swindon Wildcats 7; Streatham Redskins 3, Basingstoke Beavers 3; Trafford Metros 0, Blackburn Blackhawks 4.

SOFTBALL

CHISWICK: Men's national championship: Grand final: Zoo Cruise 16, Bucs 1. Final championship standings: 1, Zoo Cruise (London); 2, Bucs (London), 3, Raiders (London); 4, Spartans (London); 5, Panthers (West Barnet); 6, Wild Ones (Herts); 7, Frome All Stars (Somerset).

MOTOR RALLYING

GUYSON/RAC HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP (Wiscombe, Devon): 1, M Griffiths (Pilsaem), 34.85sec; (record); 2, R Lane (Pilsaem), 34.97; 3, R Rowan (Romani), 35.10.

ATS CORACLE STAGES (South Wales): 1, W Clarke (Ford Escort), 50min 10sec; 2, M Jones (Mitsubishi), 50:34; 3, A Cookson (Ford Escort), 50:38.

DIAMOND JUBILEE SOUTHSEA STAGES (Goodwood): 1, P Sansom (Ford Escort), 25min 27sec; 2-A Donnington (Ford Escort), 28:51; 3,-S Broughton (Vauxhall Chevette), 28:55

KINGDOM STAGES (Scotland): 1, M Home (Ford Escort), 45min 36sec; 2, Shirley (Ford Escort), 46:42; 3, F Bell (Vauxhall Nova), 46:17.

PENDRAGON STAGES (Cumbria): 1, A Ludlam (Opel Ascona), 68min 50sec; 2, J Gorst (Ford Escort), 67:07; 3, P Burton (Ford Escort), 67:11.

NORKING STAGES (Derbyshire): 1, B Morley (Ford Escort), 41min 10sec; 2, B Bell (Sierra Cosworth), 41:16; 3, Y Hodgson (Ford Escort), 42:55.

ACROPOLIS RALLY (Staffordshire): 1, P Pitkin (Sierra Cosworth), 43min 39sec; 2, P Roberts (Ford Escort), 44:04; 3, R Fernihough (Vauxhall Nova), 44:14.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: North London RC Championships: Club Championship Cup: 1, R Grisenthwaite, 291pts; 2, V Carpenter, 290/27; 3, Belk 290/25. Grand Aggregate: 1, Grisenthwaite, 348; 2, Carpenter, 347; 3, A Tucker, 345. Match Rifle Cup (1000, 1100 and 1200 yards): 1, D Friend, 208/23, 2, N Colchester-Wemyss, 208/22; 3, P Chariton, 206/21. Shanghai Cup (Queen's): D Tucker, 104.16. Siberia Cup (Queens II): Grisenthwaite, 150.18. Reynolds Cup (short range aggregate): Grisenthwaite, 254. Marlborough Cup (600 yards): J Dales 50 WF King Cup (1000 yards): 1, Tucker, 49/29; 2, S Collings, 49/26. Melhouse Cup (long range aggregate): 1, Carpenter, 96/25; 2, Collings 96/24.

SNOOKER

TRENTHAM GARDENS, Stoke: European Open: (England unless stated): First round: M Fisher bt G Bailey, 5-2; D Reardon wo B Bennett, scr; A Trigg bt M Darrington, 5-1; A Harris bt F Dezi, 5-1; W Randle bt D Martin, 5-2; P Tanner bt T Whitthread, 5-3; S Ali bt J Fitzmaurice, 5-2; C Macpillivray (Scot) bt T Kearney (Ire), 5-3; F Ellis (SA) bt K Payne (Eng), 5-4.

Second round: D Herold bt R Edmonds, 5-0; T Shaw bt T Murphy, 5-0; T Wilson bt A Borg (Malta), 5-0; P Davies (Wales) bt B Oliver, 5-2, M Price bt S Meakin, 5-1; C MacGillivray (Scot) bt B Harris, 5-3, P Tanner bt P Medati, 5-2; S Reardon bt J Spencer, 5-0; M MacLeod (Scot) bt W Rende, 5-2; P Browne (Ire) bt A Trigg, 5-2; F Ellis (SA) wo I Brumby, scr; M Gauvreaux (Can) bt A Harris, 5-4; B Rowswell bt B Ali, 5-4. Third round: N Gilbert bt Dadsway, 5-0; Huenu bt M Rowing, 5-2; W King (Aus) bt Jones, 5-4; C Thordum (Can) bt Gibson, 5-1; Terry bt A Meo, 5-3; Hicks bt B Morgan (Eng), 5-3; N Dyson bt Cairns, 5-1; D Morgan (Wales) bt B Pinches, 5-1; B Gollan (Can) bt J O'Boye, 5-4; R Lawler bt Hamilton, 5-2; Elsdon bt J Campbell (Aus), 5-2; Taylor bt K Doherty (Ire), 5-2; J McLaughlin (N Ire) bt Dadsway, 5-4.

TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Stik Cut Challenge: Quarter-finals: Margate bt Formby, 2-1; Perth bt Hatton Village, 2-1; Radlett bt Cardiff Castle, 2-0; Huddersfield bt Telford, 2-0. Semi-finals: Margate bt Perth, 2-0; Huddersfield bt Radlett, 2-1. Final: Huddersfield bt Margate, 2-0.

GENEVA: Open tournament: C Mezzadri (Switz) bt T Tulisane (Fin), 6-3, 7-5; G Prpic (Yug) bt G Bloom (Isr), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; E Masso (Bel) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-3; C Ariens (Ger) bt O Camporese (It), 6-3, 6-4; S Bruguera (Sp) bt B Wuyts (Bel), 6-3, 6-2.

BORDEAUX: Men's tournament: First round: T Carbonell (Sp) bt A Olmedilla (USSR), 6-4, 6-4; C Poline (Fr) bt C Dosedel (Cz), 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; T Benhabiles (Fr) bt H Lacombe (Fr), 3-6, 6-2, 7-6; L Prades (Fr) bt J F Aitur (Sp), 5-7, 6-4, 6-4

ATP: Leading money-winners: 1, S Edberg (Swe), $1,367,840; 2, J Courier (US), $1,250,911; 3, M Stich (Ger), $1,101,035; 4, B Becker (Ger), $980,123; 5, I Lendl (Cz), $739,653, 6, E Sanchez (Sp), $631,174; 7, G Forget (Fr), $582,357; 8, M Gustafsson (Swe), $535,137; 9, K Novacek (Cz), $501,090; 10, P Sampras (US), $494,288.

WATER SKIING

VILLACH, Austria: World championships: Team: 1, Canada, 8,191; 2, United States, 8,032; 3, France, 8,008; 8, Great Britain, 6,668. Men: Overall: 1, P Martin (Fr), 2,685.5; 2, K Llewellyn (Can), 2,666.3; 3 J Llewellyn (Can), 2,603. British: 11, B Hodgkins, 2,057; 13, J Fisher, 1,990; 21, P Studd, 1,851. Jumping: 1, B Neville (Aus), 57.6m; 2, S Ellis (US), 56.8; 3, K Llewellyn, 56.6. British: 15, Hodgkins, 51.0; 16, Fisher, 50.2. 19, Studd, 49.7 Slalom: 1, L Lowe (US), 5 buoys at 11m; 2, M Kjellander (Swe), 4 at 11; 3, A Magala (GB), 1 at 11. British: 5, J Bamleday, 1½ at 11; 15, Fisher, 4½ at 12; 23, Hodgkins, 2½ at 12. Tricks: 1, Martin, 9,890; 2, A Bensa (Fr), 8,840; 3, K Llewellyn, 8,820. British: 10, Bamleday, 6,510; 27, Hodgkins, 4,900. Women: Overall: 1, K Nevile (Aus), 2,750; 2, S Stone (US), 2,589; 3, J Nesser (Can), 2,571. British: 16, P Roberts, 1,934, 24, C Williams, 1,819. Jumping: 1, Stone, 41.3m; 2, J Kelley (US), 40.8; 3, B Grebe (Austria), 40.5. British: 8, Roberts, 37.0. Slalom: 1, H Kjellander (Swe), ½ buoy at 11m; 2, N Rumantseva (USSR), 6 at 12; 3, Nevile 4½ at 12. British: 8, Roberts 1½ at 13; 25, Williams 4½ at 14. Tricks: 1, T Larsen (US), 7,280; 2, B Larsen (US), 7,130; 3, N Ivanova (USSR), 6,830 British: 19, Williams, 4,280.

CROQUET

HURLINGHAM: World championship: Block 1: Stanley bt Cornish, +14; Jones bt Irwin, +17; Fulford bt Faulkner, +11 tpc; Best bt Yamada, +24; Jones bt Cornish, +25, Best bt Fulford, +17. Block 2: Hogan bt Kobell, +25; Peterson bt Eadough, +14; Openshaw bt Burridge, +3, Wallans bt Rodent, +11; Cobelt bt Peterson, +17 Block 3: Stephens bt Stark, +4; Mullner bt Grochan, +19 tp; Goomer bt Bond, +17; Maughan bt Brown, +21, Block 4: Bamford bt Noble, +11, Bond bt Ackley, +22; Clarke bt Colombo, +22 exp; Jackson bt Lamarn, +25; Clarke bt Jackson, +13 tp.

SWIMMING

FRENCH LEAGUE: Monaco 3, Toulon 0, Nantes 1, St Etienne 0; Le Havre 0, Metz 0; Lyons 0, Paris Saint-Germain 1, Lille 0, Sochaux 0; Auxerre 1, Lens 0; Montpellier 3, Caen 1, Nancy 2, Nimes 3; Cannes 3, Rennes 1; Marseille 2, Toulouse 0. Leading positions: 1, Monaco, played 8, 16pts; 2, Marseille, 6, 14, 3, Nantes, 5, 12.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Wattenscheid 1, Schalke 2, Borussia Monchengladbach 1, Dynamo Dresden 0; Bayern Munich 1, Kaiserslautern 0; Nuremberg 1, Hamburg 1, Karlsruhe 2, Werder Bremen 1; Bayer Leverkusen 1, Fortuna Dusseldorf 1, VfB Stuttgart 4, Bochum 1, Borussia Dortmund 3, Cologne 1, Duisburg 2, Hansa Rostock 0. Leading positions (after eight matches): 1, Eintracht Frankfurt, 11pts; 2, VfB Stuttgart, 11; 3, FC Hansa Rostock, 10

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Atalanta 1, Ascoli 1, Cremonese 0, Naples 0; Fiorentina 3, Genoa 1, Foggia 0, Juventus 1, Milan 1, Cagliari 0; Parma 1, Bari 0, Roma 0, Internazionale 1

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Manchester seeks crucial government support



Dick Palmer: experience needed at meeting

By DAVID MILLER

THE Manchester committee that is bidding to host the 2000 Olympic Games has a critical meeting tomorrow morning with John Major at Downing Street. The prime minister's response to budget issues that will be put before him may well determine whether Manchester continues with its second Olympic campaign or withdraws from the bidding.

All the evidence available to Bob Scott, Manchester's chairman, indicates that the majority of rivals will enjoy substantial backing from central government. This is obviously true of Peking's bid, and recent weeks have revealed the extent of support that will be available to Brasilia, Sydney and, perhaps most important of all, as the chief European opposition, Berlin.

There is, I understand, agreement from Bonn to underwrite substantially the bid by Berlin, never mind the escalating cost to German finances of the East-West amalgamation. All Olympic host city bids are now as much national as regional – Atlanta apart – and unless Mr Major can offer Manchester some serious financial backing, Scott might advise his local sponsors from both private – Manchester Airport – and public sectors that it is inadvisable to continue.

Chris Patten, who, as secretary of state for the environment, attended the International Olympic Committee (IOC) session in Tokyo last year – where Athens, Manchester and the rest were defeated by Atlanta – is in a position to advise Mr Major of the dimensions of such campaigning. It will then be for Mr Major to weigh the cost against the fruits of possible victory. For any city that does succeed, the long-term benefits, evident since Tokyo staged the Games of 1964, are immeasurable. Greece is still attempting to live off the legacy of 3,000 years ago.

Scott will, in effect, tell the prime minister tomorrow: "Either we do this properly, or not at all." Mr Major, who has conventional sporting sympathies, will understand better than most British prime ministers – not least his immediate predecessor – what success can mean in both commercial and moral prestige.

Britain has one important card to throw into the Olympic ring for 2000: that in modern sporting terms, the Olympic movement owes far more to British foundations, traditions and principals of sportsmanship (however eroded) than any other nation; far more, say, than it does to Greece.

It will be helpful tomorrow if the British Olympic Association (BOA) has arranged for Dick Palmer, its general secretary, to attend. An invitation was extended initially by No 10 to Sir Arthur Gold, the BOA chairman, who unfortunately is prevented from attending by being in hospital. He passed the invitation to the vice-chairwoman, Eileen Grey. While in no way wishing to impugn Mrs Grey's credentials – a redoubtable campaigner whose energies almost exclusively gained Olympic admission for women's cycling in 1984 – the broad-based experience of Palmer would provide valuable information to Mr Major.

One factor that Manchester should consider – and few candidate cities do beforehand – is who would be chairman of the organising committee should they succeed in the voting in Monte Carlo in 1993. Domestic infighting is common in Olympic cities, following election, among the rival interests of four factions: local industry and business, which often leads the bidding initiative; local politicians, i.e. the mayor or governor; the national Olympic committee; and national government. When the businessmen have done the hard work, the politicians usually want to take over. It happened in Barcelona. Leopoldo Rodes, a banker, and Ignacio Masferrer, a lawyer-diplomat now unhappily seriously ill, led Barcelona's challenge, only to be deposed following victory by Pasqual Maragall, the socialist mayor. It happened in Atlanta, where Maynard Jackson, the mayor, attempted a takeover but was frustrated by William Payne, chief executive of the bidding committee. And it is happening in Nagano, Japan, hosts for the 1998 Winter Games, where Soichiro Yoshida, the guiding light, is fighting for survival on the organising committee. It would be better if the IOC could tighten up its charter – and the Games contract – now that the stakes on all sides are so massive. The financial chaos of Montreal, which stemmed from the over-ambitious Mayor Drapeau and nearly killed the Games, could re-emerge in the event of a serious rift between local and national government after a city's election. It could happen in Manchester.

Guarding against this factor, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, is telling Nagano that it must have equal representation of the city, the NOC and the government. Tom Welch, the leader of Salt Lake City's bid that lost to Nagano, has said that if he leads another campaign he will have a contract with the city that, if successful, he will continue in office.

State of pitches may influence outcome

Warwickshire defend their track record

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

IT IS being said that the most influential character in the outcome of the Britannic Assurance county championship may not be a player at all but the man who prepares Warwickshire's pitches and who, by coincidence, was last season doing the same job for Essex.

Andy Atkinson, the groundsman concerned, will justifiably claim limited responsibility for an inherited problem. The Warwickshire club, through its secretary, David Heath, will go further. Heath said yesterday that any suggestion that the title might be decided by the dubious character of the Edgbaston wicket was "emotive hogwash, and probably libellous".

The fact remains, however, that county cricket was alive with uncomplimentary stories of the conditions on the Test ground in Birmingham long before the championship match against Worcestershire, two weeks ago, which suffered a pitch Heath agrees was unsatisfactory.

As the penultimate round of fixtures begins today, Essex hold a ten-point advantage over Warwickshire, their only realistic rivals for the title. Derbyshire, who trail by a further 17 points, and Surrey, by 21, will be confined to place-money unless the top two stall unexpectedly.

It is conceivable that the race will be over come Friday but, for that to occur, Essex must win on the notoriously docile pitch at Leicester and Warwickshire must fail, against Northamptonshire, on the pitch which has been one of the season's controversial issues. Docile, it is not.

Putting the case for the defence yesterday, Heath pointed out that the club relaid five pitches in the middle of its square last winter. "This obviously limited our choice somewhat, but until the Worcestershire game, 90 per cent of our wickets were marked "good" in the umpires' report, which is the only recognised criteria."

Heath did admit that the pitch used for the Fourth Test Match against West Indies had caused the club concern and that, in general, those on the East, or Raebank side of the ground, had been the best. Significantly, the initial intention to use a pitch on the western side for today's game has been dropped following the umpires' "poor" verdict on the Worcestershire pitch; a new pitch has now been prepared on the Raebank side.

Atkinson merits sympathy, for his stock was deservedly high after several years of preparing the country's best pitches, at Chelmsford. Warwickshire recruited him last winter and he has not yet had time to alter the chronic failings of the Edgbaston square. There is unavoidable irony in the fact that Essex finished runners-up in the last two seasons, partly because they failed to win enough games on their true home pitches; now, if they are to fail again, it is to some degree due to the pitches prepared, however unwittingly, by the same man at Edgbaston.

Andy Lloyd, Warwickshire's personable captain, is in a dilemma. Having steered his team so far on their strength of seam bowling, he is understandably reluctant to change course when the title is within reach. The Worcestershire fixture has been a warning, and the captain knows that another inadequate pitch may be marked one point lower, potentially costing them 25 points and the title.

☐ Alec Stewart has not broken the thumb he injured during the NatWest Trophy final on Saturday. The Surrey and England batsman, hurt while keeping wicket, had an x-ray yesterday this morning which revealed a small crack just above the knuckle.

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	P	W	L	D	Pts (Max)
Essex (2)	20	9	5	6	264 (312)
Warwicks (5)	20	9	4	7	254 (302)
Derbys (12)	20	8	5	7	237 (285)
Surrey (9)	20	8	4	8	233 (281)

REMAINING MATCHES

WARWICKSHIRE: Today: Northamptonshire (Edgbaston). Sept 17: Somerset (Taunton).

ESSEX: Today: Leicestershire (Leicester). Sept 17: Middlesex (Chelmsford).

DERBYSHIRE: Today: Nottinghamshire (Derby). Sept 17: Yorkshire (Chesterfield).

SURREY: Today: Middlesex (Lord's). Sept 17: Lancashire (Old Trafford).

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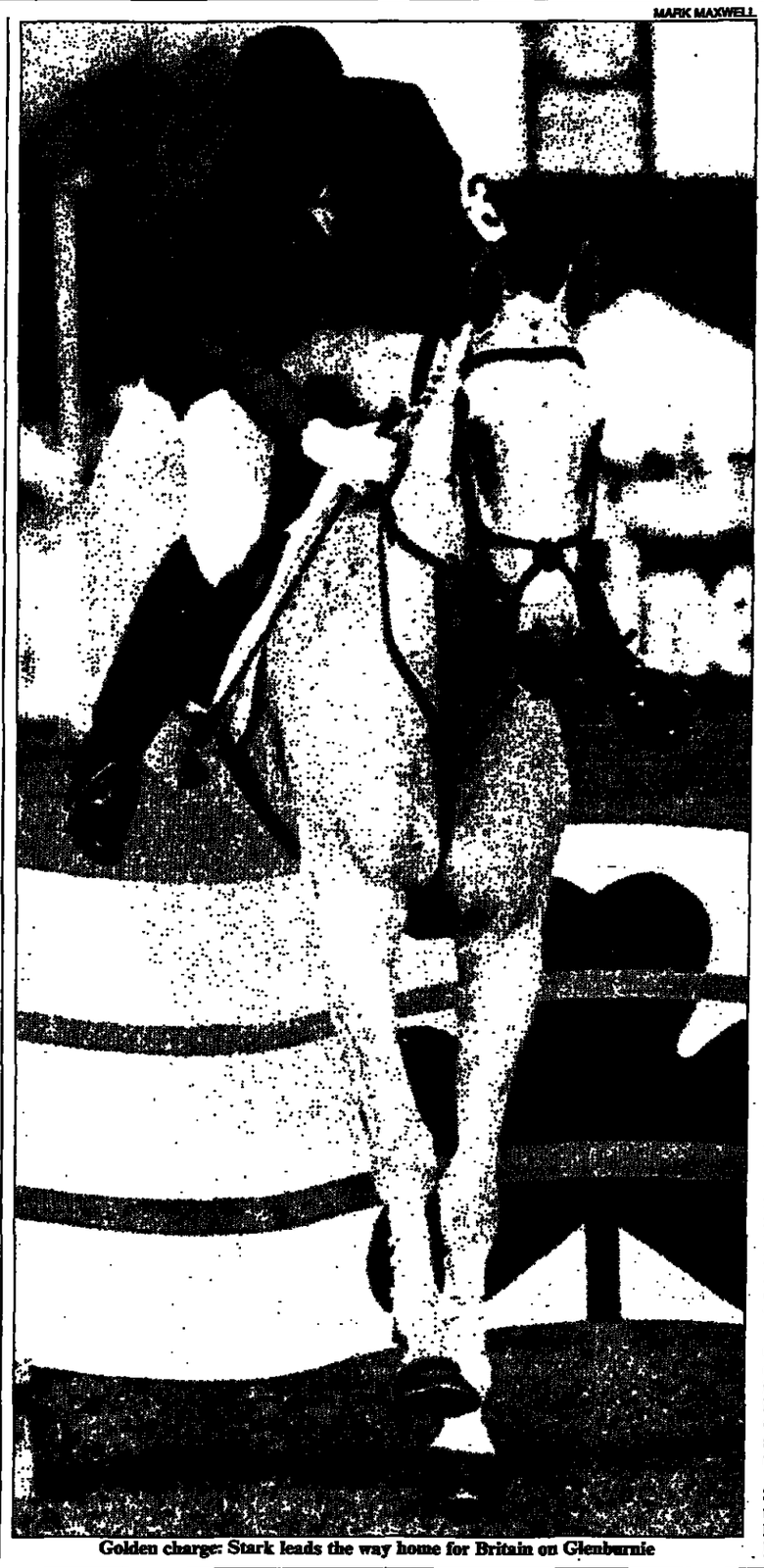
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MARK MAXWELL



Golden charge: Stark leads the way home for Britain on Glenburnie

Stark's ride is perfect for British team

From JENNY MACARTHUR IN PUNCHESTOWN

IAN Stark and the Edinburgh Woolen Mill's Glenburnie won a richly deserved individual gold medal after a faultless show jumping round at the Heineken European three-day event championships here in County Kildare yesterday.

Although Stark has won three individual silver medals, this was the first gold medal for the former Civil Servant, aged 37, who has been the backbone of the British team since 1984. "It was the longest ride of my life," he said after jumping his clear round yesterday.

His performance, watched by his wife, Jenny and their two children, sealed an overwhelming British victory reminiscent, in its completeness, of the 1985 and 1989 triumphs at Burghley. Britain captured the team gold medal by a distance, for the fourth successive occasion, in addition to all three individual medals.

Richard Walker and Jacana, who paved the way for the victory with his outstanding cross-country round, retained their overnight position with a clear round to take the individual silver medal – 22 years after he last rode for the team when he also won the silver.

Karen Straker and Get Smart who, two years ago, saw the bronze medal slip from their grasp in the showjumping made no mistake this time and, after a polished clear round secured their first individual medal.

The Irish, who more than fulfilled their team manager's instructions – issued before the cross country – "to ride for their lives" took the silver medal some 330 points ahead of the French bronze medal winners.

Their best performance came from Mairead Curran, on Water Colour, riding as individuals, whose dramatic leap from the top of fence 25 on the cross country encapsulated the bravery of the host nation.

But yesterday belonged to Stark. Winner of the individual silver medal at the 1987 European championships, the 1988 Olympic Games and the 1990 world championships the popular, quietly spoken Scot had waited a long time for the gold medal.

His chances of achieving it were threatened when, days before the competition he had to substitute the injured Murphy Himself for Glenburnie, his so-called "second horse."

But Glenburnie, a 13-year-old son of Precipice Wood, bred and owned by Captain Gerald (Bunny) Maitland-Crew was determined from the start to change his status.

His best dressage performance ever was followed by a clear and breath-taking cross-country round after which Stark needed physiotherapy for his aching neck and back.

Yesterday, despite an attack of nerves just beforehand, Stark rode a beautifully judged show-jumping round.

Although 39 horses out of the 47 starters completed Tommy Brennan's much praised cross-country course, the hard ground took its toll. Only three out of the original ten nations competing were left in the contest yesterday.

Spain, who had been in the bronze medal position after their bold cross-country performance, saw their chances of a first eventing medal disappear when Rosario Nardiz's Cune Shopin failed the final horse inspection after a questionable decision by the ground jury.

This lifted France to third place but with more than 300 marks separating them from Ireland and over 100 points separating the Irish from the British, the outcome of the team competition was virtually assured even before the show jumping.

Mary Thomson, the fourth British team member, withdrew before the show jumping because of an injured left knee sustained during her unlucky fall from King William at the penultimate fence on Sunday.

RESULTS: 1, Glenburnie (I Stark, GB), 61.8; 2, Jacana (R Walker, GB), 75.8; 3, Get Smart (K Straker, GB), 87.8; 4, Feine Dame (H Boecker, Ger), 91; 5, Water Colour (M Curran, Ire), 102.0; 6, Bristol's Autumn Bronze (F Van Tuyll, Neth), 102.05. Teams: 1, Great Britain, 222.25; 2, Ireland, 338.5; 3, France 669.8.

League's officials deny using force

By KEITH MACKLIN

THE Rugby Football League (RFL) has denied allegations that Maurice Oldroyd, the chief executive of the British Amateur Rugby League Association (Barla), was manhandled when he attempted to attend a meeting at the RFL headquarters in Leeds.

It had been claimed that force was used to eject Oldroyd from a meeting over the League's new academy for under-18 teams, a subject which has provoked an increasingly bitter confrontation between the professional and amateur branches of the code.

David Howes, the public affairs executive of the RFL, said: "Mr Oldroyd was not manhandled, nor was he physically assaulted. He attempted to break into a private meeting, to which he had not been invited, and was merely restrained from entering."

The incident will strengthen the case for taking up the Sports Council's offer to mediate by chairing an informal meeting of senior officers, led by David Oxley, the RFL chief executive, and Oldroyd, his opposite number.

The dispute has gathered momentum rapidly since the announcement by the RFL in mid-summer that the academy would be established for under-18 teams attached to professional clubs.

This clashed head-on with Barla's own recruitment of youth teams and players, and it responded by announcing that any young amateur players who joined the academy teams would not be allowed to return to amateur clubs, and would forfeit their chances of achieving amateur international status.

This move so incensed RFL officials that last weekend they declared that amateur teams which win regional trophies will no longer be admitted to the prestigious, lucrative professional knock-out competitions, the Silk Cut Challenge Cup and the Regal Trophy.

Ireland's visit is short on appeal

From IAN ROSS
IN LANDSKRONA, SWEDEN

AS BILLY Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager, began his preparations for tomorrow's European championship qualifying game against the Faroe Islands with typical enthusiasm and optimism, those whose unenviable responsibility it is to keep the team's budget operating within a realistic framework found themselves more concerned with matters fiscal.

After failing to make a profit in May when the Faroes' appearance in Belfast attracted a meagre audience, the Irish Football Association expects to lose over £25,000 on a group four fixture with appeal even more negligible now that it has been switched to the neutral soil of Sweden.

Predictably, the game has been met with mind-numbing indifference in the country which will host the final stages of the competition next summer and the Landskrona Stadium is expected to house no more than 3,000 people as the two countries pursue their first qualifying victories.

Ironically, Kingsley Black's elevation to the status of Northern Ireland's first £1 million plus footballer, has only served to compound the IFA's monetary problems for his recent transfer to Luton Town to Nottingham Forest has resulted in a sharp increase in his country's insurance premium. "Our insurance figure for the team is around £5 million," David Bowen, the IFA's general secretary, said. Black, who will be seeking his first international goal on his seventeenth appearance, will have the uncapped Philip Gray alongside him in attack.

☐ The German coach, Berti Vogts, has left Juergen Klinsmann out of his team to face England at Wembley tomorrow. With Rudi Völleralso absent through injury, Germany's new-look attack will be led by Karlheinz Riedle and Thomas Doll, who are Lazio team-mates. Stefan Reuter moves to sweeper because Thomas Helmer is injured and Thomas Berthold banned.

GERMAN TEAM: B Illgner, S Reuter, J Kohler, G Buchwald, T Hässler, S Effenberg, L Matthäus, A Möller, A Brehme, T Doll, K Riedle.

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Premier League in balance

By PETER BALL

ENGLISH football will learn today whether its differences can be resolved outside the court room. The Football League's extraordinary general meeting in London's Connaught Rooms this afternoon will vote on whether to throw out the contentious League regulation 11, which requires clubs to give three years' notice of resignation.

If the clubs agree, permitting the breakaway Premier League to go ahead next season, court action will be avoided. The League will immediately apply for official sanction from the Football Association, and drop their appeal against the High Court decision allowing the FA to set up the Premier League.

If not, the League and the FA will be back in court tomorrow, with the FA asking the court to instruct the League receivers to apply for sanction on the FA's terms.

In return for their support for the first division, the second division and associate member clubs are demanding a legally binding agreement providing both for financial guarantees and for promotion and relegation of three up and three down between the two Leagues. The FA has now conceded three up and three down, and offered £6 million compensation, but they have refused to commit themselves to legally binding guarantees.

Negotiations continued last night, but it seems likely that unless there are further concessions, the hawks among the second division will vote to retain the regulation and continue the appeal.

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